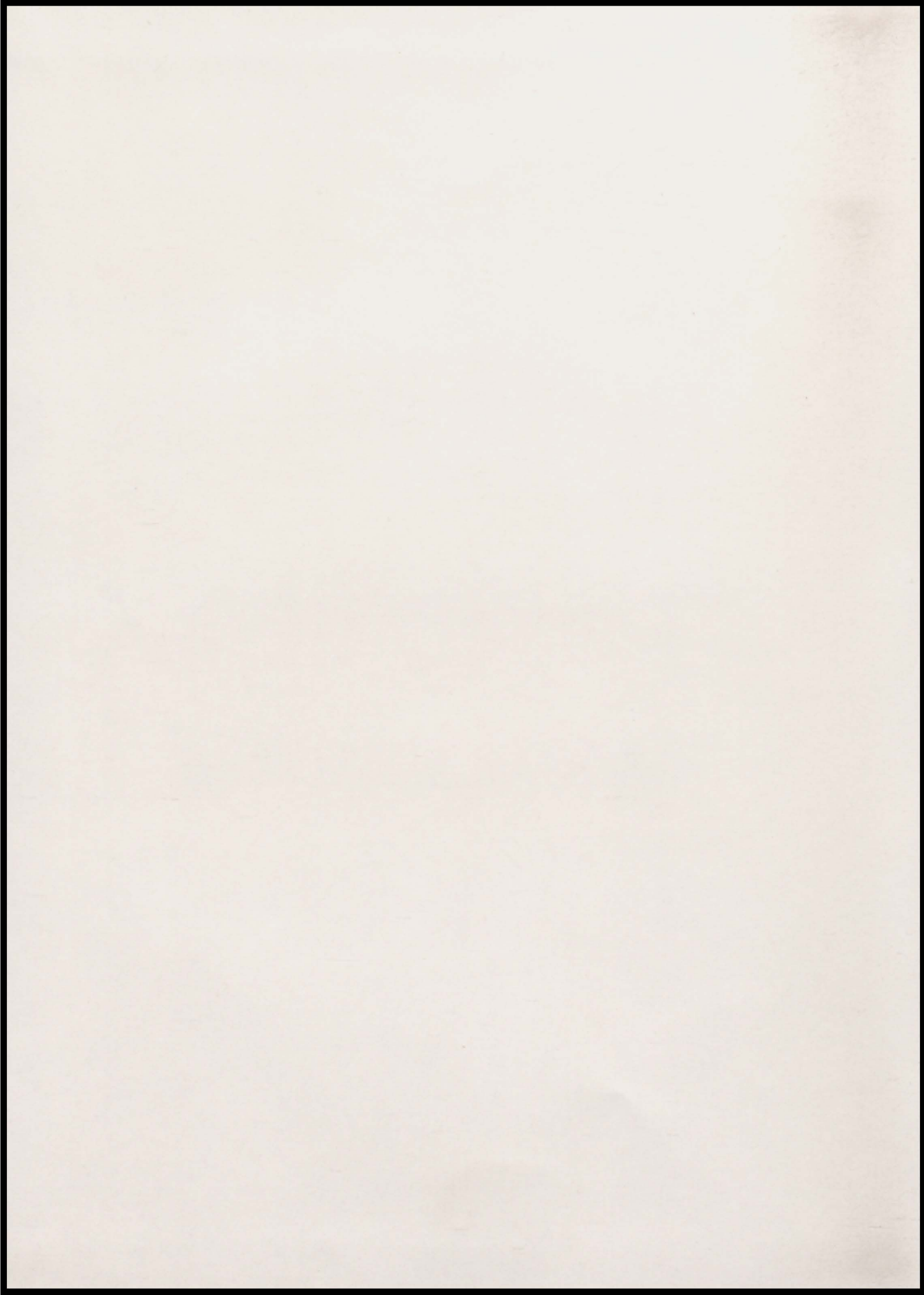


You Only
Live Twice







Dr. No *The Spy Who Loved Me*
LIVE AND LET DIE

A View to
Kill *From Russia With Love*

The World is Not Enough
The Living Daylights

Licence to Kill

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

**YOU ONLY LIVE
TWICE**

HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY 2006-2'007

Casino Royal *The Man With the*
Golden Gun

On Her Majesty's Secret Service

Tomorrow Never

Dies

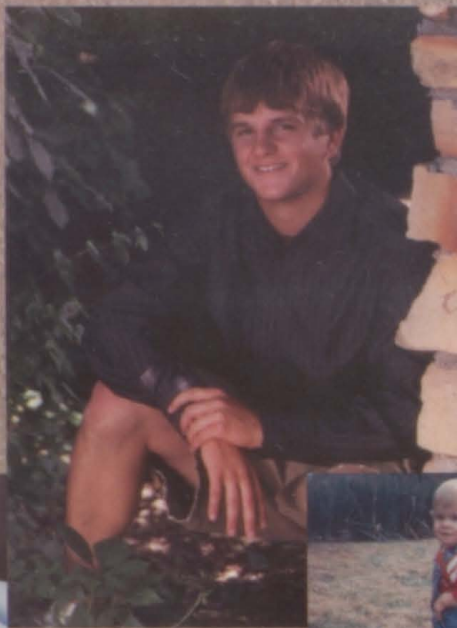
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JAMES BOND '007'

Diamonds Are Forever



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Justin
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Ashley
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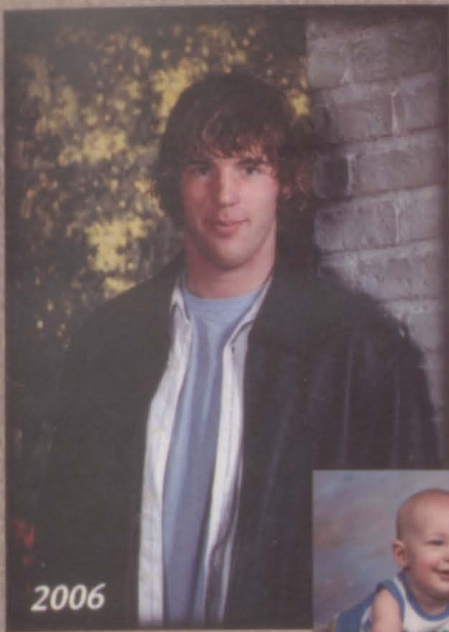
Megan
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Heather
Church



This is the year we have all dreamed about making it to. It seems like only yesterday we were walking the halls as a freshman complaining about school going too slow and wishing our senior year would come faster. Today, finally making it to be seniors we all wonder where our school years have gone. Looking back on all our memories together we smile, laugh, and cry because everything this year is our last. There is one day that doesn't come fast enough though, May 12.



2006

Kevin
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Nicole
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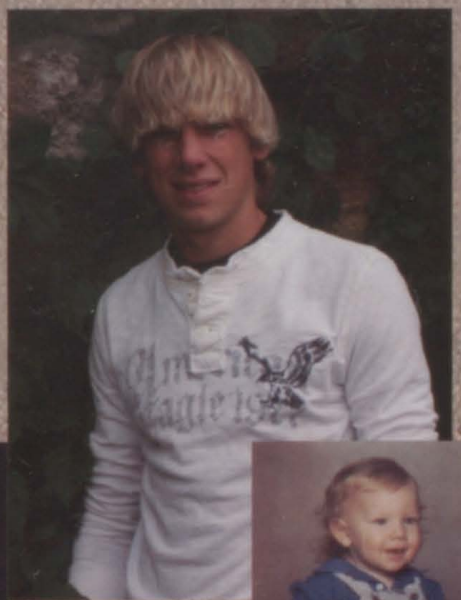
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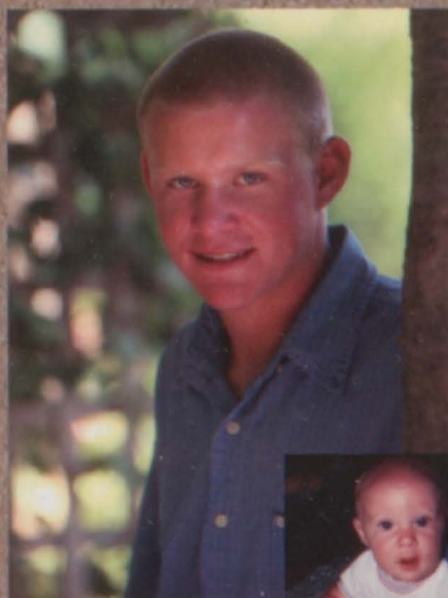
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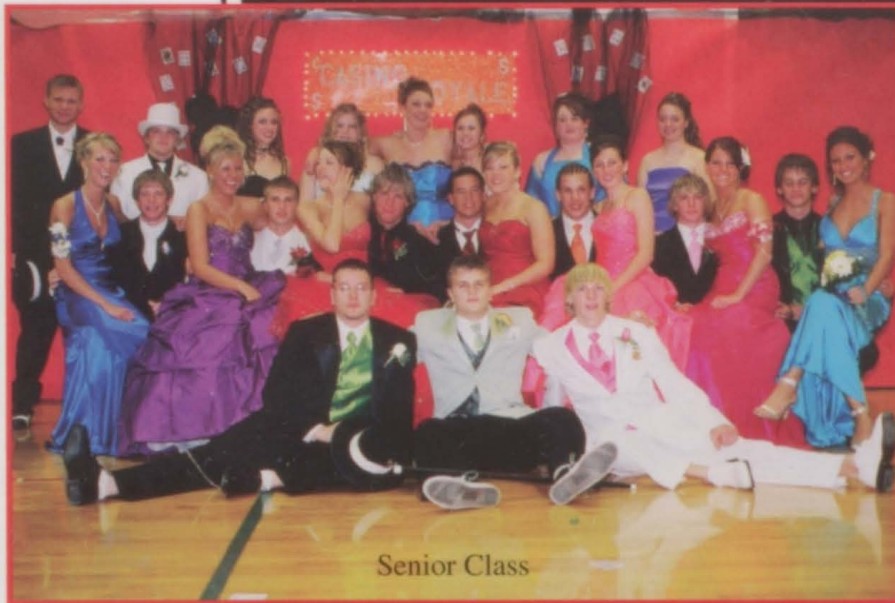
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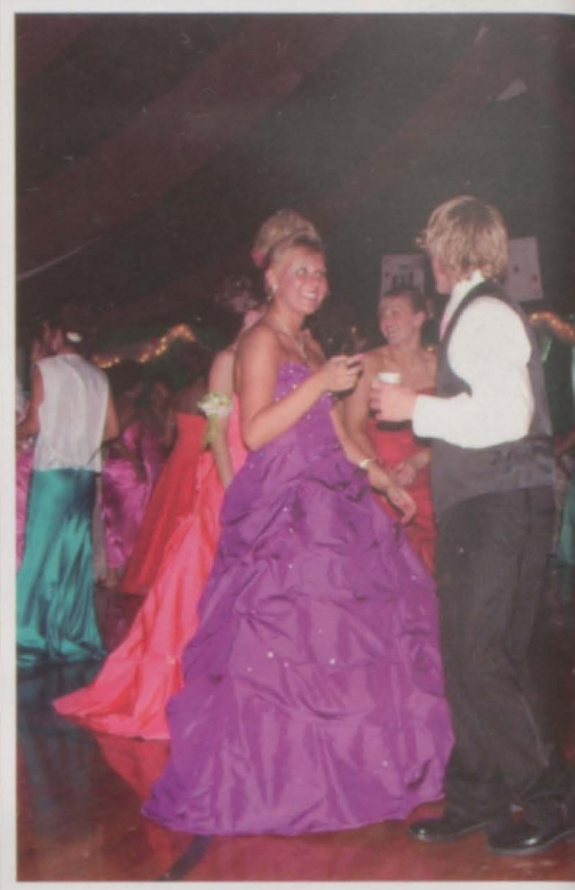
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CASINO ROYALE



Senior Class

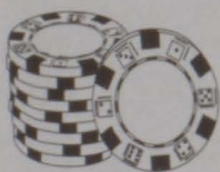


Dancing the night away!!

Jonella Yrkoski,
Ashley Fleming,
Lacey Stromberg,
Sarah Staniec,
and Megan Carson
enjoying themselves on
the dance floor.



Not to be out done by the girls, the senior boys show a little knee.



JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM 2007
'CASINO ROYALE'
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007

Junior Class President
Amanda Hanquist
reading her poem to
the Senior Class.



'007 PROM



Mandi Hanquist hoping that she passes the breathalyzer test! With Clete Vrbka, Joe Dittloff, and Jon Hawthorne anxiously watching.



Servers
Britny Kava,
Mitch Kobza,
Meagan Sundberg,
Luke Samuelson,
Cheyanne Schulze,
Joe Fowler,
Haley Strobel,
Terry Bankson,
Becca Geidel,
Tanner Kuhn.



Meagan Sundberg shakin' her stuff on the floor.



Senior Class President **Justin Blase** reading his poem to thank the Juniors for all their hard work.

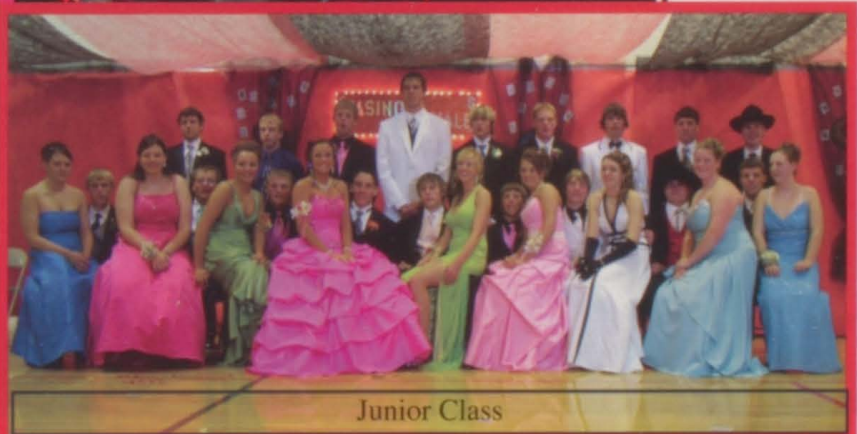
Megan Carson, and Justin Blase, Caleb Church, and Kylie Shoup, Amanda Dent, and her date along with others dancing to a slow song.



Dillon Nielson "she thinks my tractors sexy..."

The event anticipated for all year long finally arrived. After all the planning, shopping for tux's and dresses, hair dressing and nail appointments, and picking up the flowers the night arrived with great enthusiasm. Everyone was decked out in their very best and looked elegant.

The festivities began early in the evening with tons of pictures being taken. They arrived at the school by 7 o'clock for a prime rib dinner. Followed by more pictures which included group photos of the Juniors and Seniors and professional portraits of the couples. The dance began around 9 o'clock and I think some of them danced the entire evening which ended at midnight. At that point they all crossed the street for the post-prom party. The parents entertained them with a Survivor theme. Groups were formed and had to complete seven different games, the team with the highest score was crowned the winner. Deal no deal was played for the prizes.



Junior Class

High Plains Drifters

School spirit was very apparent at all of the sporting events this year at High Plains Community High School. The boys got it started with plans to dress up at the games. Much planning went into their outfits for each event they attended. They would plan their entrances and all walk in at the same time to make their appearance known.

Not to be out done, the girls also started planning and dressing up for the boys events. Maybe not as outrageous as the fellows, but never the less as impressive.

It was great to see the school spirit abound and wonder what theme they would come up with for the next night. Even the parents got into the spirit with the homecoming pep rally. The parents plan the skit for the night and the majority dressed up in costumes that went with the events they planned for each senior.

You could tell that each student enjoyed what they were doing. They supported the team playing that night and also had a great time sitting in the crowd. They were definitely our most interesting cheerleaders.



Logan Glasser looking quite dapper in his suit.



Todd Schulze and his famous cow outfit.



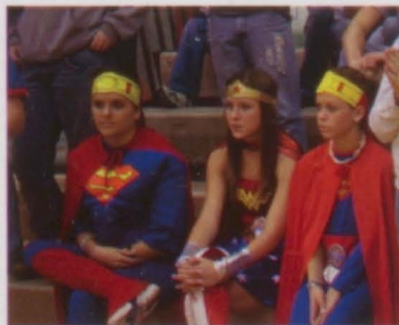
Nic Beck and Justin Blase took over janitorial duties one night.

Right: The boys dressed up as ompa lonpa for a volleyball game in the fall. How long do you suppose it took them to get ready?

Below left: Red, White, and Blue was the theme for the district boys basketball game in Lincoln. Clete Vrbka, Caleb Church, Jesse Dubas, and Mike Waggoner model their outfits.

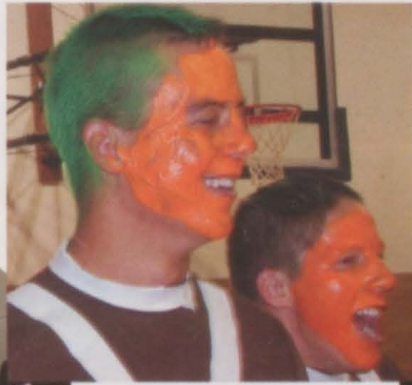
Below middle: Cheyanne Schultz, Ashley Fleming, and Haley Strobel dressed up as Superwoman for the district game.

Below right: Don't Marcus Bender, Luke Samuelson, and Joe Fowler make good looking women? Not!





Who are these masked men?



Marcus Bender was the head master for ompa lonpa night.



Isaac and Luke Samuelson enjoying the ompa lonpa night.

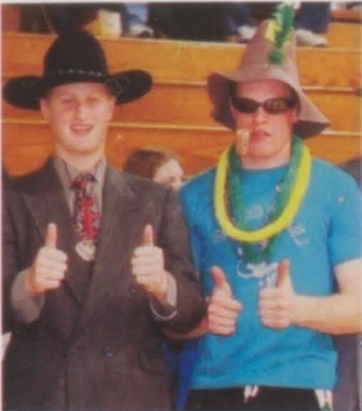


Tanner Kuhn and ??



Great care is given to the make-up for Justin Blase & Clete Vrkba.

David Oliver with spiked hair.



Joe Fowler and Joe Ditloff gives the thumbs up!



Nic Beck smiling for the camera!



Homecoming

SEPTEMBER 17 - 22

Blossom (**Kylie Shoup**), Buttercup (**Skye Hejmanek**), Bubbles (**Heather Church**) take time out of their busy schedule to save High Plains.



Super Hero Day

HA HA YOU CAN'T SEE ME!

Cheyenne Schultz



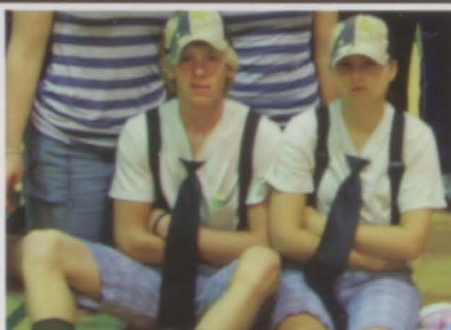
Camo Day

'Orange' you glad **Meagan Sundberg**, **Becca Geidel**, **Britny Kava**, and **Cheyenne Schultz**, dressed up on Color Day!



Color Day

No, these aren't really identical twins, it's actually **Trevor Labarge** and **Karlie Blase**!



Twin Day

Tyler Rathjen 'blushes' for the camera!



Red, White, and Blue Day

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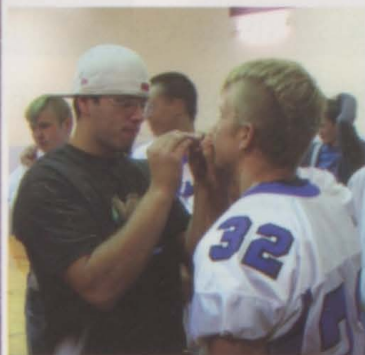
Kory Stevens as fatman.



Trevor Labarge, Karlie Blase, and David Oliver, along with many others, shake it on the dance floor.



Doesn't King Justin Blase and Queen Heather Church look good?



Ryan Rathjen and Todd Schulze getting ready to play a game at lunch.



Seniors at their last bonfire. What a good looking bunch!



Left: Meagan Sundberg gets her groove on at homecoming.

Below: Logan Glasser dancing with the ompa lompá moms.



Royalty: 1st attendants Logan Glasser and Kylie Shoup, 2005 Queen Meghan Hammond, 2006 King and Queen Justin Blase and Heather Church, 2005 King Brandon Bankson, 2nd attendants Tara Tonniges and Todd Schulze, Front row: Crown bearers Annika Baumwart and Riley Carlstrom.



Kendra Stevens spinning the "Wheel Of Destiny" with host Rod Blase a.k.a Justin Jr.



Above: Hannah Lott performing the school song next to the burning Flyer plane that crashed into the bonfire.

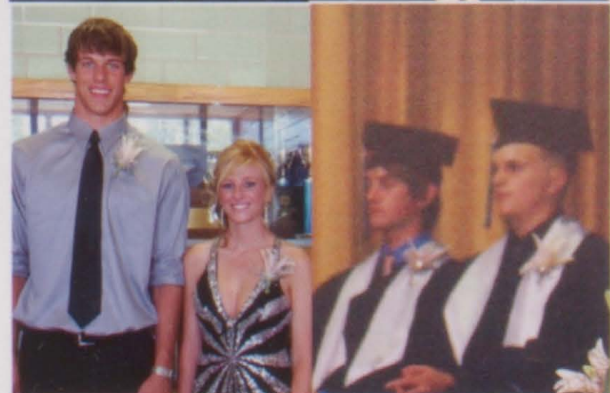


Nic Beck always willing to sing some Queen.



Right: Tanner Kuhn and Corbey Grause get really close!





2007

THERE'S GOTTA TO BE MORE TO OUR LIVES THAN THIS

SO WE MADE THE
BEST OF OUR SCHOOL DAYS

THERE WERE SPORTS AND CONCERTS, CLUBS AND MORE

COULD THESE BE THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES

RUN FROM SPANISH CLASS

TO FOOTBALL PRACTICE

RUN FOR HOMECOMING COURT

AND STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SOMETIMES THE BEST PARTS OF THE DAY WERE THE MOST

U N E X P E C T E D

IT WASN'T JUST ALL ABOUT THE CLASSES BUT

THERE SURE SEEMED TO BE A LOT OF WORK

WE DID WHAT WE COULD TO

PASS AND SOMEHOW CAME OUT

WITH FLYING COLORS

AND DON'T IT MAKE YOU SAD TO KNOW

THAT LIFE IS MORE THAN WHO WE ARE

THE PAST IS NEVER FAR

H I G H P L A I N S

C O M M M U N I T Y

H I G H S C H O O L

Class Motto:

*"Don't follow where your path may lead.
Instead, make your own way and leave a path."*

Class Flower: Casablanca Lily

Class Colors: Silver & Teal

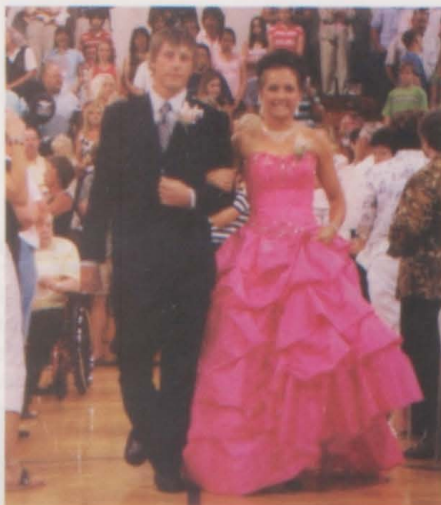
Class Song: Name by Goo Goo Dolls

Class Sponsor: Andy Vrba

The past is never far...



Valedictorian **Isaac Samuelson** receiving his diploma from his dad.



Junior Marshals **Caleb Church** and **Brooke Engel**.



Salutatorian **Kylie Shoup** walking down the aisle.

GRADUATION



This is the last group picture this class will ever have *all together*... The Final Picture.

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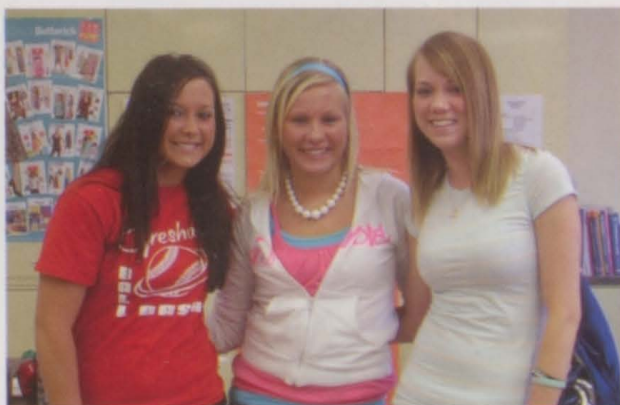
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**SOFTBALL >**

Ashley Fleming: Class C All-State Honorable Mention(Omaha).
Haley Strobel: Class C All-State Honorable Mention(Omaha).
Jonella Yrkoski: Class C All-State Honorable Mention(Omaha),
 Central Community College All-Star game.

**GOLF >**

Isaac Samuelson, Matt Anderson, Nic Beck, Caleb Church, and
 Jesse Dubas were members of the golf team that qualified for the
 State Meet. A first for HPC. **Caleb Church** also qualified as an
 individual placing 10th at districts.

**boys BASKETBALL >**

Isaac Samuelson: CRC 1st Team, CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game, All-Heartland
 Honorable Mention (Grand Island), All-Nebraska Honorable Mention (Omaha).
Derek Rodine: CRC 2nd Team, All-Heartland Honorable Mention (Grand Island).
Marcus Bender: CRC All-Tournament 2nd Team, CRC 1st Team, All-Heartland
 3rd Team (Grand Island), All-Nebraska Honorable Mention (Omaha), All-State 2nd
 Team (Lincoln).

Logan Glasser: CRC 2nd Team, CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game, All-State Honorable
 Mention (Lincoln).

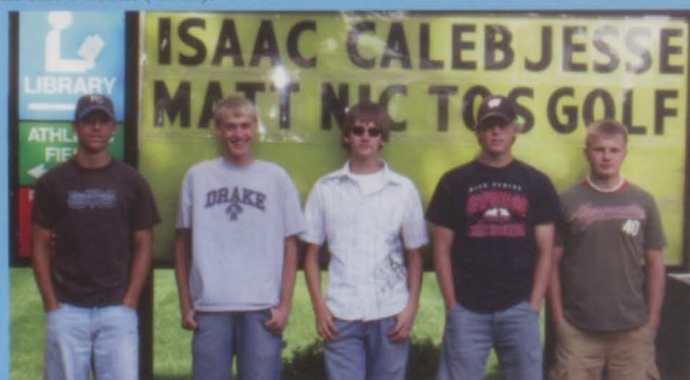
Todd Schulze: (not pictured) CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game Alternate.

< VOLLEYBALL

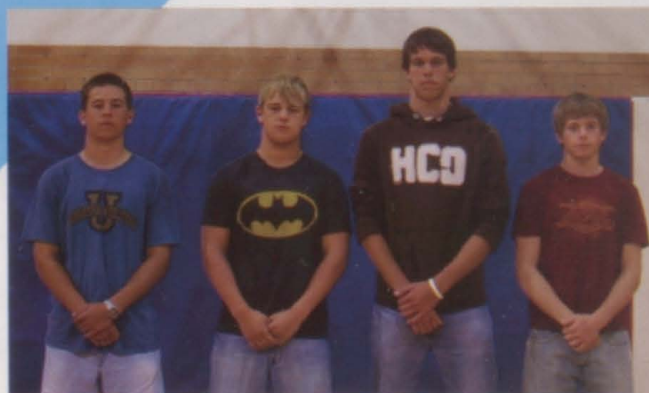
Brooke Engel: All Area Team Honorable Mention-York News Times.
Heather Church: All Area Team-York News Times.
Tara Tonniges: All Area Team Honorable Mention-York News Times.

**< girls BASKETBALL**

Brooke Engel: All-Area Team Honorable Mention (York).
Denise Carlstrom: All-Area Team Honorable Mention (York).
Tara Tonniges: CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game, CRC/Twin Valley All-
 Star Game, All-Heartland Honorable Mention (Grand Island),
 All-Area Team (York).

**< TRACK**

Logan Glasser: 5th Place Medal at the State Track Meet in the Long
 Jump.



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WRESTLING >

Travis Kuhn: State Champion for 140 lb. weight class, Nebraska All-Star Wrestling Team.

Corbey Grause: 5th Place Medal at State Tourney for 125 lb. weight class.

**< ALL AROUND students**

Kylie Shoup and **Iaasc Samuelson** were named the All-Aound Students at the Awards Program. This award is voted on by the teachers.

ALL STATE band >

All State Band: **Trevor Schnabel**-Tuba, **Matt Anderson**-Trombone, and **Megan Carson**-French Horn. They attended a day clinic in Kearney that ended with a concert.

**< ALL STATE choir**

Emily Buhr: UNL - Kearney - Honor Choir, Superior-Vocal Solo-District Contest.

Trevor Schnabel: All State Choir, NE Wesleyan University Honor Choir, UNL - Kearney - Honor Choir, Young Men in Harmony-Hastings College, Superior-Vocal Solo-District Contest.

FOOTBALL >

Derek Rodine: All District 1st Team Offense & Defense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad 1st Team Defense, All-State Honorable Mention - Lincoln Journal Star, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention - Omaha World Herald, All Area Team-York News Times, Associated Press Honorable Mention.

Caleb Church: All District 1st Team Defense.

Logan Glasser: All District Honorable Mention Defense.

Jesse Dubas: All District 2nd Team Defense.

Mike Wagoner: All District Honorable Mention Defense.

Travis Kuhn: All District 1st Team Offense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad 1st Team Offense, All-State Honorable Mention - Lincoln Journal Star, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention - Omaha World Herald, All Area Team-York News Times, Associated Press Honorable Mention. 8-Man All-Star Game.

Marcus Bender: All District 1st Team Offense.

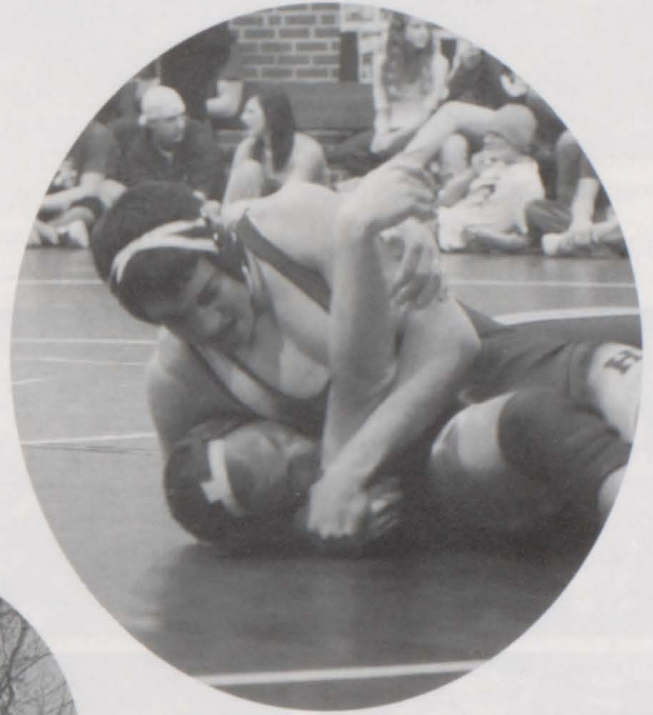
Clete Vrbka: All District 1st Team Offense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention - Omaha World Herald, All Area Team Honorable Mention-York News Times, Associated Press Honorable Mention.





THUNDERBALL





SPORTS



Above: **Justin Blase** gets ready for the snap count.



Below: **Mike Wagoner** and **Logan Glasser** forming up to tackle.



Derek Rodine kicks the football away.



The Seniors go out for the coin flip against Humprey St. Francis.



Coach Vrbka, **Coach Hudson** and **Coach Pekarek** watching their team.



Left: **Robert Klingsporn** returning a kick.



Right: **Travis Kuhn** running for a touchdown.



Above: **Isaac Samuelson** looking for the open receiver.



Left: **Caleb Church** fights for yards while **Marcus Bender** looks on.



Right to left: **Justin Blase**, **Clete Vrbka** and **Derek Rodine** ready for the snap count.



Logan Glasser stands ready on defense.

Scoreboard

H.P.	61	Harvard	8
H.P.	34	Cedar Bluffs	0
H.P.	42	Nebraska Christian	0
H.P.	14	Humphrey St. Francis	56
H.P.	0	Clarkson	44
H.P.	22	Leigh	30
H.P.	69	Humphrey	20
H.P.	62	Shelby	6

Playoffs

H.P.	14	Bancroft-Rosalie	56
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Varsity Final Record

5-4

JV Final Record

1-4

High Plains Community

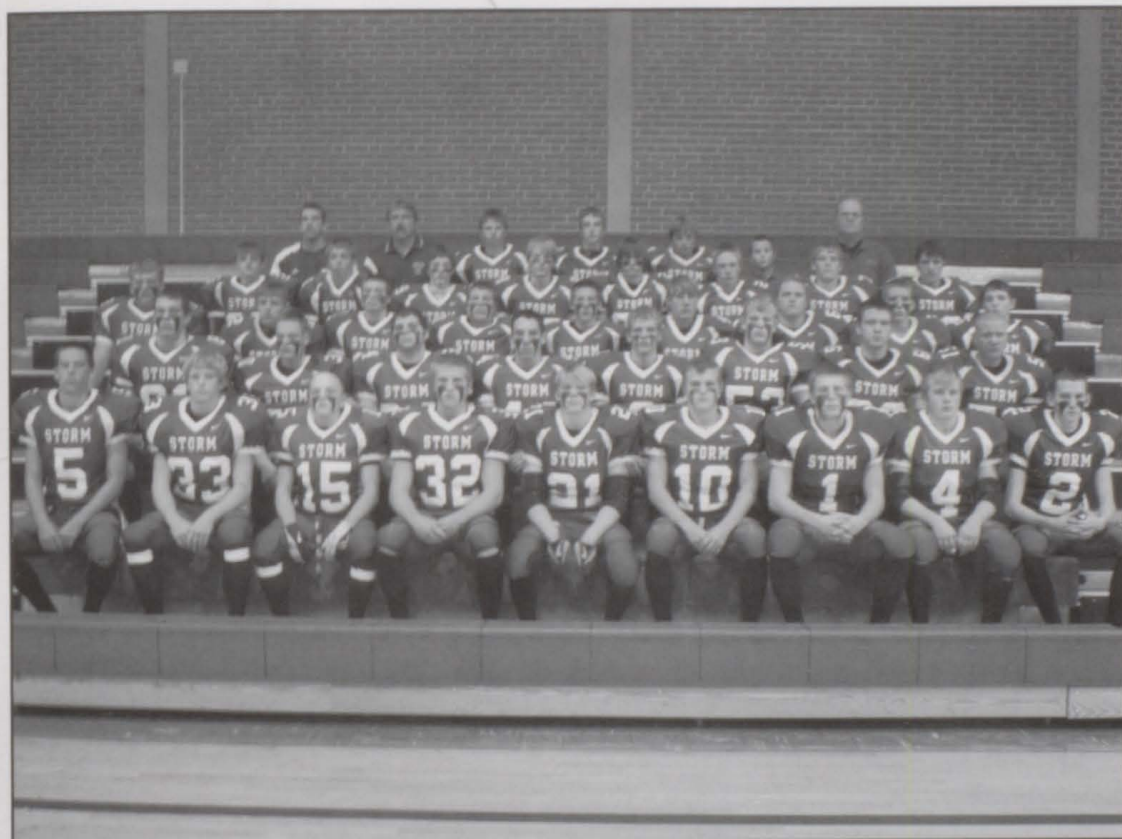
Storm Football

The 2006 Storm added another chapter to what has become a successful football tradition at High Plains Community School.

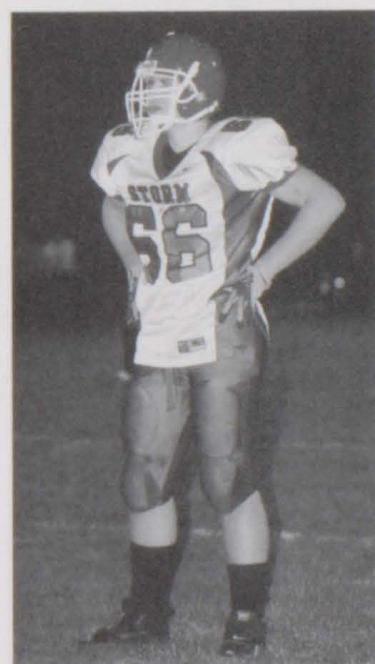
Coach Andy Vrbka's team started 3-0 and was ranked high in Class D-1, then won two more games to finish 5-4. The Storm lost in the first round of the state playoffs to Bancroft-Rosalie, a team that played in the D-1 state title. High Plains will lose seven lettermen to graduation. They include Isaac Samuelson, Justin Blase, Thomas Thies, Travis Kuhn, Todd Schulze, Trent Norquest and Logan Glasser.

Offensive rushing leaders were Travis Kuhn with 1,101 yds. and Caleb Church with 354 yds. Receiving leaders were Marcus Bender with 240 yds. and 7 TD, and Caleb Church with 73 yds. and 1 TD. Tackle leaders were Jesse Dubas with 118, Mike Wagoner with 106, Travis Kuhn with 91, Derek Rodine with 90, Robert Klingsporn with 86, Tanner Kuhn with 83, and Logan Glasser with 70.

Team totals recorded were 318 points scored, 1,897 rushing yards, and 408 passing yards-408 for a total offense of 2,305 yards.



Nate Hoffman receiving a pitch.



Mitch Kobza catches his breath before the play.

1 Caleb Church	12 Garrett Reimers	32 Todd Schulze	66 Mitch Kobza
2 Nic Beck	15 Thomas Thies	33 Logan Glasser	67 Anthony Beck
3 Luke Samuelson	20 Nate Hoffman	34 Mike Wagoner	72 Wyatt Miller
4 Jesse Dubas	21 Travis Kuhn	41 Brandon Nickolite	74 Jason Church
5 Isaac Samuelson	22 Joshua Reyner	44 Clete Vrbka	78 Kyle Hohnholt
7 Tanner Kuhn	25 Kyler LeSuer	45 Corbey Grause	79 Grant Friesen
8 Robert Klingsporn	27 Kory Stevens	51 Trent Norquest	81 Marcus Bender
10 Justin Blase	29 John Oliver	53 Derek Rodine	88 Jacob Kennedy
11 Terry Bankson	30 Joe Ditloff	54 Bryan Hohnholt	89 Jonathon Hanquist

Head Coach

Andy Vrbka

Asst. Coaches

Cameron Hudson

James Pekarek

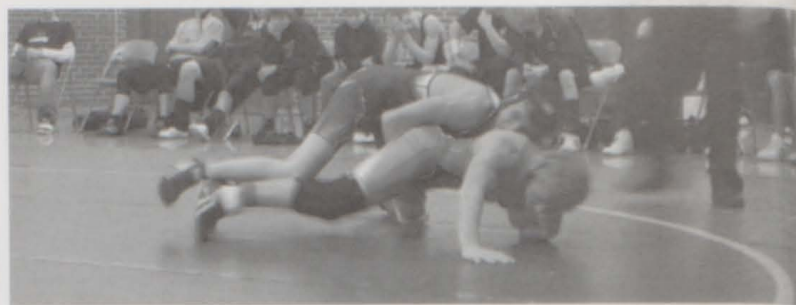
Student Managers

Matthew Pekarek

Nick Rodine

Right: **Mitch Kobza** ties up with the McCool Junction wrestler.

Below: **Joshua Reyner** catches his breath between periods.



Corbey Grause breaks down the Palmer wrestler.



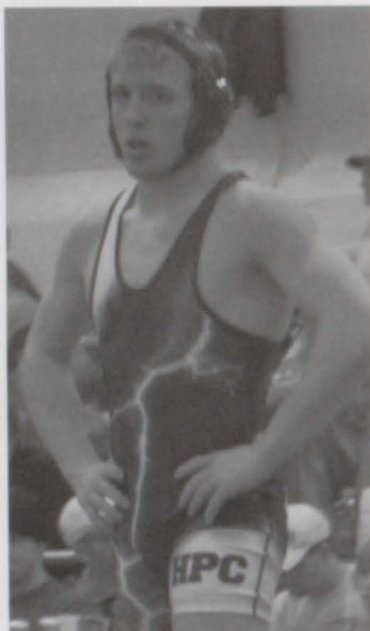
Caleb Church controls the match at the High Plains Invite.



Back row: Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Nic Beck, Clete Vrbka, Mitch Kobza, Caleb Church, Jason Church, Calvin Shively, Asst. Coach Scott Strobel. Front row: Corbey Grause, Thomas Thies, Travis Kuhn, Tanner Kuhn, Joshua Reyner, Nate Hoffman. Not pictured: John Oliver.



Jason Church gets ready for the takedown.



Tanner Kuhn rests between periods.



Above: **Thomas Thies** breaks the Gothenburg wrestler down.



Above: **Calvin Shively** gets ready for the whistle.



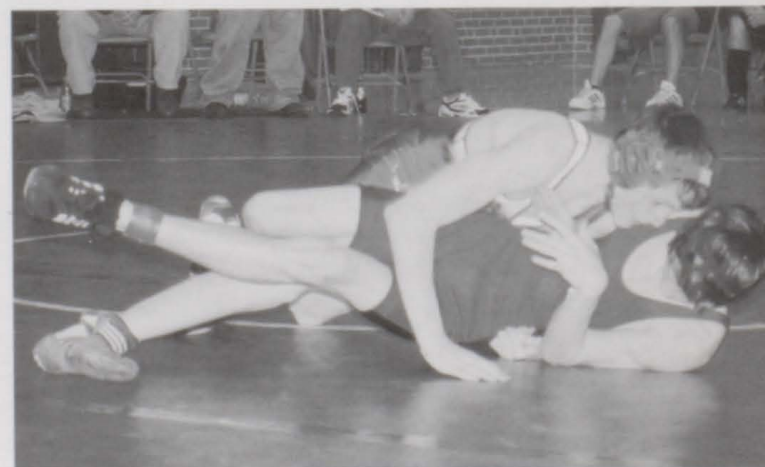
Travis Kuhn rides his opponent for the rest of the period.



Nate Hoffman takes his opponent down.



Clete Vrbka ties up with the McCool wrestler during the Dual.



Corbey Grause gets ready to pin his opponent from Heartland.

High Plains Storm

Wrestling

Seven state qualifiers gives you an indication of what this years' wrestling season was like. Successful would be a good way to describe it. Six different wrestlers won at least 30 matches. Finishing in second place at districts was the highlight for the team this season.

Senior Travis Kuhn (140) captured a state title to cap off his wrestling career. He went 38-2 for the season. Senior Thomas Thies (119) medaled at five tournaments and qualified for the state meet ending his season with a 36-7 record. The third Senior to see his wrestling career come to a end was Nic Beck (135). He gave a strong performance at the meets finishing 17-21 on the year.

Corbey Grause earned a bronze medal at the state tournament after winning districts at (125) pounds. He finished the year at 40-5, the most wins for the team. Juniors Clete Vrbka, Caleb Church, and Nate Hoffman all were state qualifiers. Clete (189) won three tournaments finishing with a record of 34-14. Caleb (160) finished 30-17 and Nate (130) ended with a 27-18 record. Sophomores, Tanner Kuhn who qualified for state ended his season with a record of 32-12, and Mitch Kobza (285) who spent most of his season injured will contribute next year for the team.

Clete Vrbka gets ready to turn over the wrestler from Wahoo.

SCOREBOARD

O'Neill Invite 5th
NE Dual Championships 9th
Wahoo Invite 5th
High Plains Invite 4th
Cross County Invite 4th
High Plains Quad 2nd
NE Christian Tri. 1st
Mullen Invite 3rd
Pleasanton Invite 6th
Turkey Creek Invite 2nd
Districts 2nd
State 9th

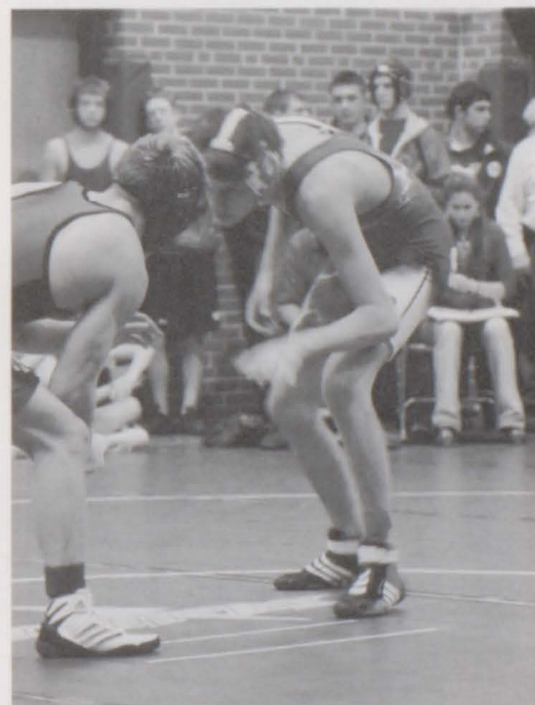


Thomas Thies pins the the Nebraska Christian wrestler.



State Qualifiers.

Back row: Coach Manstedt, Caleb Church (160), Clete Vrbka (189), Tanner Kuhn (145), Coach Strobel.
Front row: Nate Hoffman (130), Thomas Thies (119), Travis Kuhn (140), and Corbey Grause (125).



Nic Beck gets ready to take a shot.

High Plains Boys Basketball

CRC Champions, first place at the Holiday Tournament, and a second place finish at the Conference Tournament capped the 19-4 season for the boy's basketball team. They dazzled fans with their high tempo game. Their combination of aggressive offense and defense paved the way for the berth in the C2-2 district final. The team put forth a valiant effort against Louisville, but fell short of qualifying for the state tournament.

Marcus Bender towered over opponents on both ends of the court. He finished averaging a double-double with 16.1 points and 10 rebounds per game. Isaac Samuelson led the team from three-point range, converting on 37.7 percent of his shots. He dished out 4.2 assists per game and averaged 6.3 points and 1.7 steals. Logan Glasser averaged 7.1 points and 2.3 rebounds per game and Todd Schulze was averaging 5.3 points and 3.5 points per game. Derek Rodine and Robert Klingsporn also stepped up this season contributing an average of 7.7 and 4 points per game.

The Storm will lose six seniors to graduation, Isaac Samuelson, Logan Glasser, Todd Schulze, Justin Blase, Cody Means, and Trevor Labarge. They all provided leadership for the team and were true team players. On the whole High Plains shot 45.7 percent from the field and out rebounded opponents by nearly 11 boards per game. They limited opponents to 39.9 points per game while averaging 54 themselves.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	Opp
43	Clay Center	35
28	Sutton	46
57	Exeter-Milligan	40
72	NE Christian	47
70	Dorchester	32
Holiday Tournament		
49	Centennial	47
56	Tri County	46
66	Shickley	33
54	Palmer	39
69	Giltner	29
39	Heartland	51
58	McCool	44
CRC Tournament		
63	Rising City	30
39	Exeter-Milligan	57
40	Hampton	37
51	Osceola	32
50	Cross County	36
41	Hampton	30
67	Rising City	35
85	Meridian	35
Districts		
42	D.C. Aquinas	36
71	East Butler	46
32	Louisville	55
Final Record 19-4		

"Sail Away" Seniors



Justin Blase



Logan Glasser



Todd Schulze



Cody Means



Trevor Labarge



Isaac Samuelson



Joe Ditloff and Matt Anderson go for the rebound.



JV players going for the rebound.



Above: Derek Rodine skies high for a layup while Marcus Bender and Robert Klingsporn look on.



Left: Talus Vest setting up the play.



Varsity players watching the ball roll in.



Terry Bankson takes his defender to the basket.



Front row: Kory Stevens, Logan Glasser, Justin Blase, Isaac Samuelson, Luke Samuelson, Terry Bankson.

Middle row: Brandon Nickolite-Student Manager, Kyler LeSuer, Robert Klingsporn, Todd Schulze, Nick Gustafson, Jonathan Hanquist, Nick Rodine-Student Manager.

Back row: Asst. Coach Todd Gardner, Joe Ditloff, Talus Vest, Derek Rodine, Marcus Bender, Cody Means, Trevor Labarge, Joe Fowler, Matt Anderson, Head Coach Cameron Hudson.



High Plains players have a collision under the basket against Nebraska Christian.



High Plains players getting down on the floor to get the ball.

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BOYS TRACK

Ideal weather conditions would not describe the beginning of the track season this year. The cold and wet atmosphere for the first couple of meets had everyone wondering what the season would hold. But it turned around and nice weather appeared making the performance at meets outstanding for the team and its members.

Several new school records were set: Derek Rodine in the Shot Put, 48' 2"; Nate Hoffman and John Oliver in the Pole Vault, 8' 6"; Garrett Reimers in the 3200 Meter Run, 11:12.6; and the 3200 Meter Relay team of Garrett Reimer, Clete Vrbka, John Oliver, Nick Gustafson, 9:21.4

Logan Glasser, the lone senior on the team, brought home a 5th place medal in the Long Jump from the State meet, a 1st place finish at Districts, and a 7th place finish at the Central NE Track & Field Championships, as well as a medal from every other meet.



Front row: Jacob Kennedy, Nick Gustafson, Robert Klingsporn, Nate Hoffman, Tanner Kuhn, Brandon Nickolite, Jonathon Hanquist, David Oliver. Middle row: Kyler LeSuer, John Oliver, Kory Stevens, Mike Wagoner, Clete Vrbka, Eathan Spence. Backrow: Carl Rahrs, Joe Ditloff, Talus Vest, Derek Rodine, Marcus Bender, Logan Glasser, Mitch Kobza, Ryan Rathjen.



Marcus Bender flies over the hurdles, he placed 6th at the Central NE Track Championships. He also competes in the discus and qualified for the state meet with a 2nd place finish at districts.



Logan Glasser soars high over the bar in the high jump.



Talus Vest and **Joe Ditloff** finish the 200 meter dash.



Kyler LeSuer lands in the pit in the long jump.



Mitch Kobza lets the shot fly.



Derek Rodine watches his throw in the discus.



Robert Klingsporn runs hard to the finish of the 100 meter dash. He qualified for state in this event with a 2nd place finish at districts.



Nick Gustafson rounds the last turn of the 800.



Terry Bankson flies in the air in the long jump.



John Oliver, Nate Hoffman, and Coach Hudson watch on as they raise the bar to a new height for the pole vault.



Joe Ditloff starts the 400 meter dash.



Mike Wagoner releases the discus at the conference meet.



Jonathon Hanquist and Kory Stevens take off at the start of the 400.



David Oliver feels the burn on the last lap of the mile.



Clete Vrbka jumps into the pit in the triple jump.



Logan Glasser gets ready to take off in the long jump. Logan finished 7th at the Central NE Track Championships, 1st at districts and 5th place at the state meet.

SCOREBOARD

Merrick County - No Scoring
Meridian Invite - 2nd Place
High Plains Invite - 1st Place
Palmer Invite - 3rd Place
CRC - 6th Place
St. Edward - 6th Place
Districts - 4th Place
State - 3 Qualifiers

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Boys Track



Above: **Matt Lampshire** hopes to put one close.



Top right: **Aaron Blase, Bryan Hohnholt and Matt Lampshire** head for the green.

Right: Back row: **Luke Samuelson, Aaron Blase, Isaac Samuelson, Matt Lampshire, Bryan Hohnholt, Grace Edson, Lacy Stromburg.**
Front row: **Jesse Dubas, Caleb Church, Matt Anderson, Nic Beck, Wyatt Miller.**



Bottom left: **Bryan Hohnholt** chips to the green.

Bottom center: **Wyatt Miller** carries his sticks to the next hole.

Bottom right: **Aaron Blase** waits for a fellow golfer.

SCOREBOARD

St. Paul Triangular - 2nd Place
Heartland Lutheran Dual - 1st Place
Clay Center Invite - 6th
York JV Dual - 2nd Place
Centura Invite - 4th Place
CRC - 1st Place
Osceola Invite - 1st Place
Districts - 3rd Place
Qualified for State



GOLF



Luke Samuelson looking for his ball as he heads to the green.



Grace Edson ready for her putt.



Members of the team qualifying for state were: **Jesse Dubas, Isaac Samuelson, Nic Beck, Matt Anderson, Caleb Church,** and Coach **Keith Killion.**

History was made this year for the golf team. The first ever team to qualify for state. They placed third at districts to advance to play at the North Platte Country Club. We also had our second individual state qualifier, Calab Church placed 10th at districts to advance. At state they had to contend with windy/wet conditions ending with a score of 714 for the two day competition. A lot of experience was gained playing in the competitive state atmosphere.

Two girls joined the ten boys on the team. They must play by men's rules making it very challenging for them. The team as a whole performed well throughout the year. Other highlights were winning the CRC and Osceola meets.



Matt Anderson warms up on the putting green at the state meet.



Caleb Church eyeing up the flag. He qualified for the state meet placing 10th at districts.



Above: **Isaac Samuelson** lines up his aim for this shot.

Left: **Jesse Dubas** ready to tee off.



Far left: **Nic Beck** putting to the hole.

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SOFTBALL



Coaches aide Todd Gardner, Hana Lindburg, Jamee Scherer, Britny Kava, Alison Veburg, Sarah Staniec, Sarah Hammond, Mary Ziemba, Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Cheyanne Schultz, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Thania Sanchez, Karlie Blase, Jonella Yrkoski.



Britny Kava showing off her skills.



Sarah Staniec ready to stunt her stuff.

The High Plains Community Softball team had a hitting record of .262 with 243 hits in 927 at-bats. The team walked 98, struck out 212 times, and stole 130 bases. On the defensive side the Storm had a .9172 fielding percent with 92 errors. The golden bat honors of this year went to Haley Strobel, Jonella Yrkoski, Ashley Fleming, Sarah Staniec, and Alison Veburg. Hana Lindburg and Jonella Yrkoski played their final games for the Storm softball team.

The two seniors voiced these comments, "We played really good for only 13 players, we broke the record with the most wins ever for our softball team, when it came down to Cross County they beat us all year, but when it really counted at districts we whooped them. We seniors stood it out all 4 years together and we're sure that the underclassmen gained some experience for the next year. Shake and Bake!" The High Plains Community Softball team went 10 - 24 during the fall campaign.



Alison Veburg pitching some amazing strikes.



Thania Sanchez throwing a great swing.



Jonella Yrkoski about to hit the ball.



Sarah Hammond bunting to advance a runner.



Haley Strobel avoiding sloppy pitcher's balls.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	SCHOOL	OPP
1	Fillmore	7
0	Fillmore	7
5	Wisner-Pilger	4
1	Central City	12
4	B. C./Elkhorn	2
5	Thayer Central	4
11	Cross County	21
6	Blue Hill	5
1	Cross County	5
0	Wayne	11
4	Boone Central	7
7	GINW	11
8	GINW	10
9	Aurora	13
2	Aurora	7
10	David City 5	
16	Wilber-Clatonia	5
0	Twin River 11	
2	Twin River 11	
1	Twin River 0	
13	Twin River 13	
0	Central City	10
1	Waverly	3
4	Blue Hill	3
4	St. Palu	7
3	Adams Central	5
12	Adams Central	0
2	Central City	6
0	Central City	7
1	Cross County	5
3	Adams Central	6
	Districts	
5	Cross County	1
0	Central City	10
1	St. Paul	3

Final Record 12 - 22



Mary Ziemba pitching a lot of speedy balls.



Ashley Fleming prepared to swing.



Hana Lindburg ready for a hit.



Karlle Blase enjoying the outfield, ready for a play.



Cheyenne Schultz making an awesome reach for an out at first.



Jamee Scherer ready to go.



Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Hana Lindburg, Cheyanne Schultz, Britny Kava, Sarah Staniec, Mary Ziemba, Jonella Yrkoski, Ashley Fleming, Haley Strobel, Sarah Hammond, Alison Veburg, Jamee Scherer, Thania Sanchez, and Karlle Blase line up for the National Anthem.

Volleyball

The volleyball team wrapped their season up with a 4-17 record. The team played very well during the year but fell short. They were lead in kills by Denise Carlstrom with 98 and 18 blocks. Heather Church was second with 75 kills and 14 blocks and 54 digs. Amanda Hanquist contributed 69 kills and 9 digs. Brooke Engel topped the list with 110 digs. Tara Tonniges was credited with 59 kills and adding 54 digs. Kylie Shoup had 12 kills and 35 digs and led the serving department with 164 successful serves. Kendra Stevens and Skye Hejtmanek aiding the defensive effort with 48 and 30 digs respectively. In the serving department Emily Buhr delivered 135 good serves with 19 aces, Heather Church had 128 serves with 18 aces, Megan Carson had 127 serves with 18 aces, and Brooke Engel had 110 serves with 7 aces.



Skye Hejtmanek passing to the setter.



Quick save by Kylie Shoup.



Good pass by Megan Carson.



Kill by Tara Tonniges.



Pass by libero Kendra Stevens.



Jump serve by Heather Church.



Set by Emily Buhr.

Volleyball Seniors

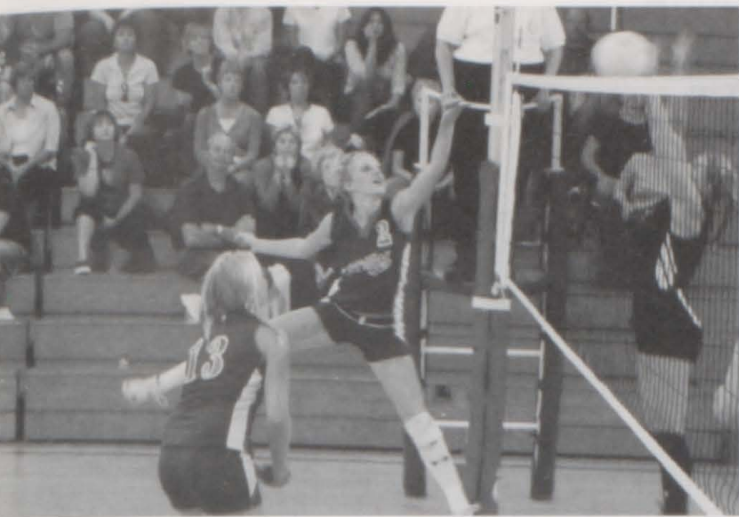
Scoreboard

HPC		Opp.
0	Giltner	3
0	Heartland	3
3	NE Christian	1
0	Palmer	2
0	Cedar Rapids	2
0	Cross County	2
0	East Butler	2
1	Lindsay HF	2
2	St. Edward	0
1	Dorchester	3
1	McCool	2
2	Rising City	1
0	Meridian	2
1	Hampton	2
0	Shickley	3
0	Clay Center	2
0	Exeter-Milligan	2
0	Clay Center	3
0	Osceola	2
2	NE Lutheran	0
2	Fullerton	3

Final Record 4-17



Front row: Tara Tonniges, Heather Church, Megan Carson, Kendra Stevens, Skye Hejtmanek, Kylie Shoup, Emily Buhr Middle row: Meagan Sundberg, Denise Carlstrom, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel Back row: Katrina Quick, Hannah Lott, Lacey Jarecke, Becky Kobza. Not pictured: Head Coach Tabitha Reiken and Asst. Coach Laura Senff.



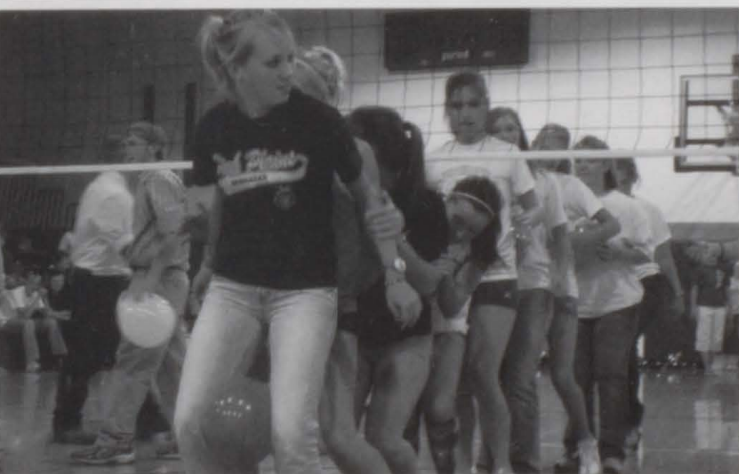
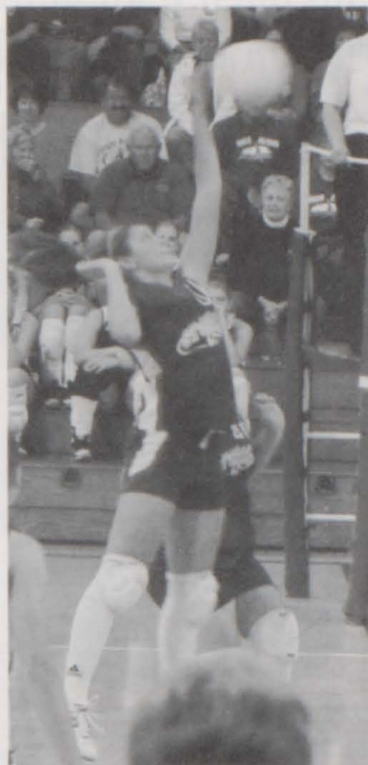
Above: **Mandi Hanquist** pounds the ball.

Right: **Becky Kobza** shows her skills.

Far right above: **Hannah Lott** and **Lacey Jarecke** are ready for the pass.

Far right: **Meagan Sundberg** getting low.

Below: The team listens to the game plan from coach Reiken.



Above: **Tara Tonniges** and the rest of the volleyball team playing a game at a pep rally.

Right: **Brooke Engel** watching the pass to the setter.



Above: The team celebrates an ace serve.

Left: **Denise Carlstrom** hammers the ball.

Below: **Hannah Lott** passing to the setter.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Below: Coaches Laura Senff
and Tabitha Rieken
just doing their job.



'06 - '07

Left: Haley Strobel
playing some good defense

Below: Hannah Lott
running faster than the
speed of light.

Below:
Becky Kobza
putting it up
for a two.



Student Manager
Karlie Blase intensely
watching the game.



varsity scoreboard

HPC

OPP

43	Clay Center	53
19	Sutton	59
29	EX-Milligan	74
59	NE Christian	25
53	Dorchester	61
25	Centennial	67
24	Tri-County	58
33	Shickley	51
38	Palmer	33
32	Giltner	53
32	Heartland	82
33	McCool	53
59	Clay Center	74
33	Osceola	53
35	Cross County	57
38	Hampton	32
26	Meridian	58
37	Rising City	54
45	Fullerton	52



1st row: Hana Lindburg, Kendra Stevens, Tara Tonniges.
2nd row: St. Manager Karlie Blase, Hannah Lott, Ashley Fleming,
Haley Strobel, Brooke Engel. 3rd row: Asst. Coach Tabitha Rieken,
Alison Veburg, Brittany Spence, Sarah Hammond, Denise Carlstrom,
Becky Kobza, Head Coach Laura Senff.



Left: Ashley
Fleming (front),
Sarah Hammond,
and Amber Karren
waiting for the other
team.

Right: Brooke
Engel taking the ball
down the court.



Rebuilding their team throughout the year, the Lady Storm ...

... ran it down the court

... and took it to the hoop

Left: Denise Carlstrom putting up a free throw.

Below: The girls all in a huddle: Hana Lindburg, Ashley Fleming, Brittany Spence, Alison Veburg, and Hannah Lott.

The girls basketball team finished the season 3-16, but the record doesn't show what happened on the court. Coach Senff summed it up, "We played tough teams this year, it's all about the competition and how you handle the pressure on the court. We stayed with teams, but had trouble capitalizing on the winning side of the coin."

Senior Tara Tonniges led the stats column in all areas. She ended with 141 total points having per game averages of 7.4 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.1 steals. Kendra Stevens, another senior, filled the ball handling position for the team. She was one of those players who could shoot off a dribble or pass and make the points needed. The other senior on the team was Hana Lindburg. She brought to the team the desire and positive attitude that is needed.

She would do exactly what needs to be done for the team. Juniors Denise Carlstrom and Brooke Engel were key players for the Lady Storm. Denise, the center averaged 6.3 points and rebounds per game and led the team with forty percent shooting from the field. Brooke averaged 5.3 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. All the players need to be recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

The JV team ended with a 10-5 record for the year. They will bring experience and skill to the next year's team.

SENIORS

Here is what they had to say:

"Shut up my queen!"

-Hana Lindburg

"I didn't foul her!"

-Kendra Stevens

"Basketball...hmmm..."

-Tara Tonniges

Above: The girls fighting for the win against Nebraska Christian.

Left: Amber Karren waiting for the rebound.

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SENIORS

Right: **Kylie Shoup** starts the 200 in style.
Far right: **Heather Church** makes a leap in triple jump.



Right: **Emily Buhr** throwing discus and looking great.
Far right: **Tara Tonniges** starts the 800 at CRC.



Courtney Doremus jumping the hurdle.



Britny Kava throwing discus with all her might.



Brooke Engel pacing herself in the 4 x 800 meter relay.



Back row: Lacey Jarecke, Britny Kava, Meagan Sundberg, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel, Katrina Quick, Hannah Lott, Courtney Doremus. Front row: Becky Kobza, Kinsley Shoup, Tara Tonniges, Emily Buhr, Heather Church, Kylie Shoup, Rebecca Geidel, and Anna Swanson.



Above: **Coach Walford** gives advice and models the High Plains attire.

Left: **Kylie Shoup** hands off to **Tara Tonniges** in the 4 x 400 meter relay.

Right: **Anna Swanson** throws an amazing throw in discus.



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Girls Track races to the finish line



Hannah Lott so close on making it over the pole in pole vault.



Amanda Hanquisst makes it over the last hurdle in the 300 hurdles.



Meagan Sundberg has the exchange zone in her view during this 3200 relay run. She qualified for the state meet in the 3200 Meter Run placing 2nd at districts.

Behind the great leadership of the four seniors, there was confidence and desire on the Girls Track team. Coach Walford would always say, "How you practice is how you are going to perform in a meet!" The team took that in mind and ran with it.

Meagan Sundberg ran the 3200 meter and Tara Tonniges ran the 800 at Central NE Track & Field Championship meet in Grand Island. Meagan also qualified for state in the 3200 meter run.

New school Records were set in the 800 meter run by Tara Tonniges, 2:37; the Pole Vault by Hannah Lott, 7'; and Emily Buhr tied the Shot Put record at 36' 1".

All the coaches were pleased with the season. Head Coach Don Walford, Assistant Coaches Jim Pekarek, Joe Krysl, and Steve Meyer.



Lacey Jarecke watches her shot soar through the air.



Becky Kobza has great form while running the 4 x 800 meter relay.

HARD WORK
AND
DEDICATION PAYS
OFF WHEN NEW
RECORDS ARE SET
BY INDIVIDUALS.

2007



Scoreboard

Merrick County - No team scores
Cedar Rapids - 8th place
Meridian - 5th place
High Plains - 7th place
Palmer - 3rd place
CRC - 3rd place
St. Edward - 7th place
Districts - 7th place
State - One qualifier

FRESHMEN



*Diamonds
Are
Forever*

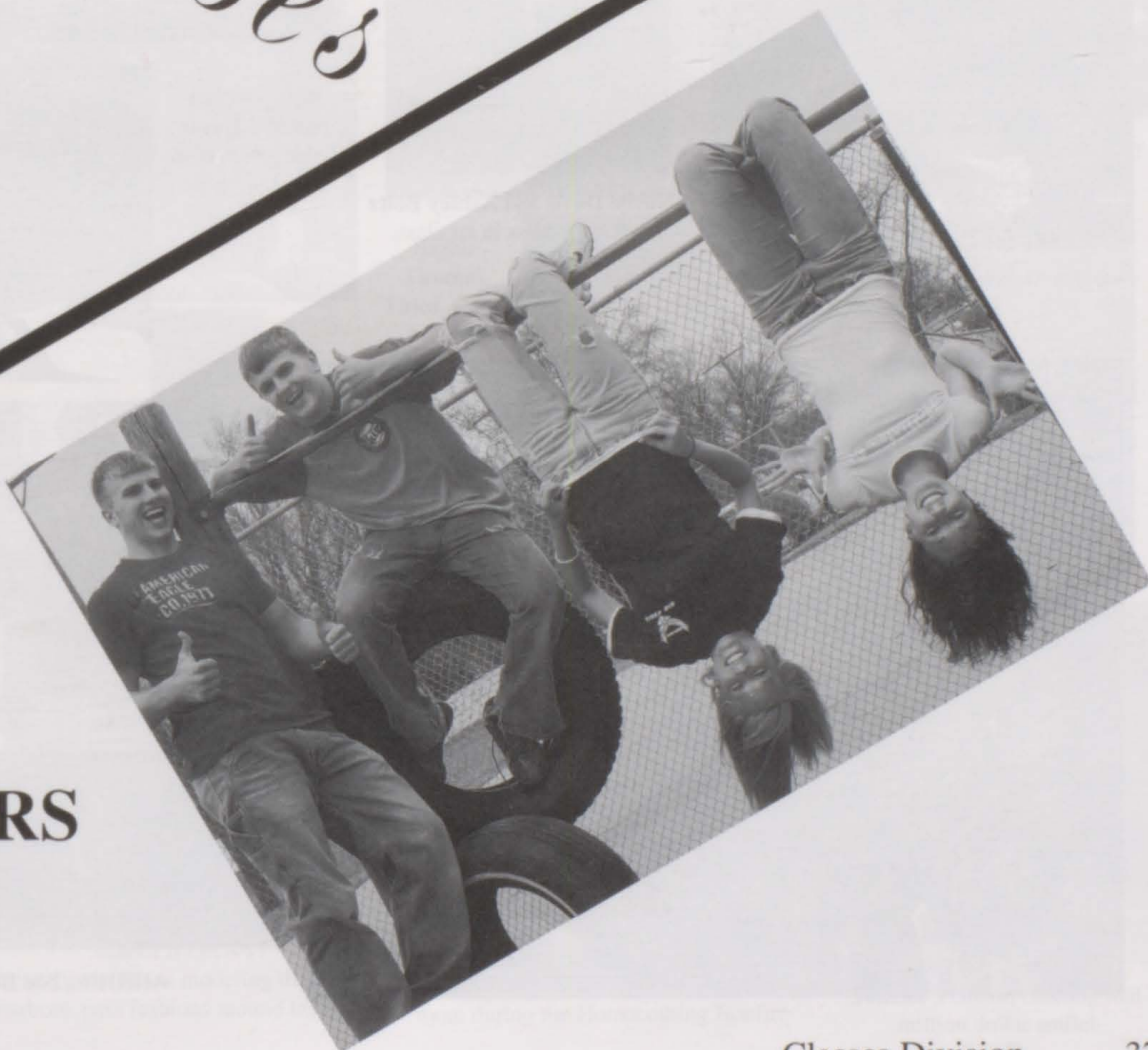


JUNIORS

SOPHOMORES



2006-2007 Classes



SENIORS

class of 2007

SENIORS

Senior year was pretty hectic with deciding what we're going to do with the rest of our lives, and deciding if and where we want to go to college. College visits were a way to help in making that decision, a way to get a day out of school, and they were a blast.

We also had to make many decisions dealing with graduation. Some of the hardest was picking out the class colors, motto, song, and flower. Ordering announcements, robes, and other senior memorabilia made it all become real to us. The year passed quickly with each event taking on a new meaning knowing it was our last time to experience it.

In the end, I think everyone was happy to have graduated and gotten away from all the high school drama and moved on to bigger and better things. I'm pretty sure the teachers were a little glad to see us go too!



Dillon Nielsen and Ryan Rathjen workin' hard in ITE class.



Nicole Davis and Ashley Boltz making a mess in art class.

Right: Our new principal Trevor Labarge during an important phone call.



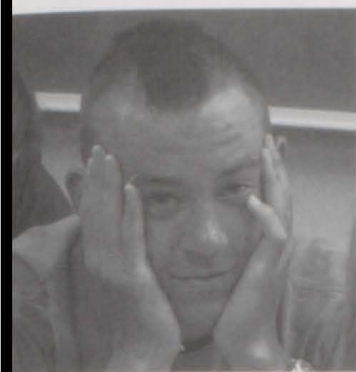
Megan Carson (above) jealous that Heather Church (left) gets a pet goat!!



AHHH!!....Nic Beck



Adam Meier...I don't know, but he's always smiling!



Isaac Samuelson daydreaming about Emily.



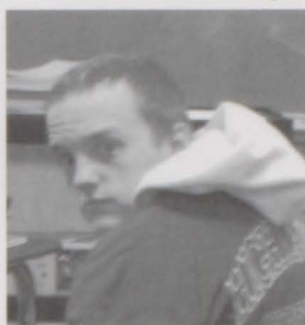
Logan Glasser enjoying a mid-day snack during yearbook class.



Kevin Church pondering how to get another in-school suspension.



Trent Norquest taking time out of his busy schedule to break dance in the middle of the street.



Left: **Thomas Thies** caught in study hall.

Below: In **Travis Kuhn's** face while he's lifting weights.



Hana Lindburg: the next Betty Boop



Seniors: Kylie Shoup, Tara Tonniges, Kendra Stevens, Emily Buhr, and Skye Hejtmanek at a JV football game.

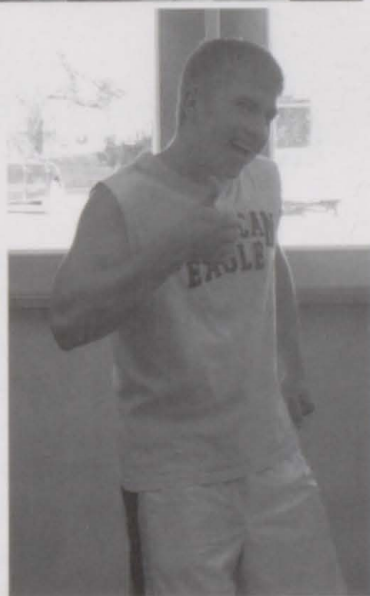


Right: **Thomas Thies, Cody Means, Logan Glasser, and Isaac Samuelson** discovering who they really are.



Above: **Todd Schulze** assuring people that school is OKAY!

Left: **Justin Blase** modeling the latest yearbook pass fashions around his neck.



Megan Burruss roping Todd Schulze's mom during the Homecoming Bonfire



Jonella Yrkoski flashing that million dollar smile!

Juniors. Juniors

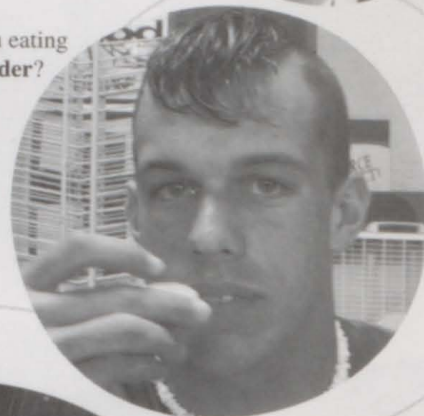
Ahhh its Amanda Hanquist !



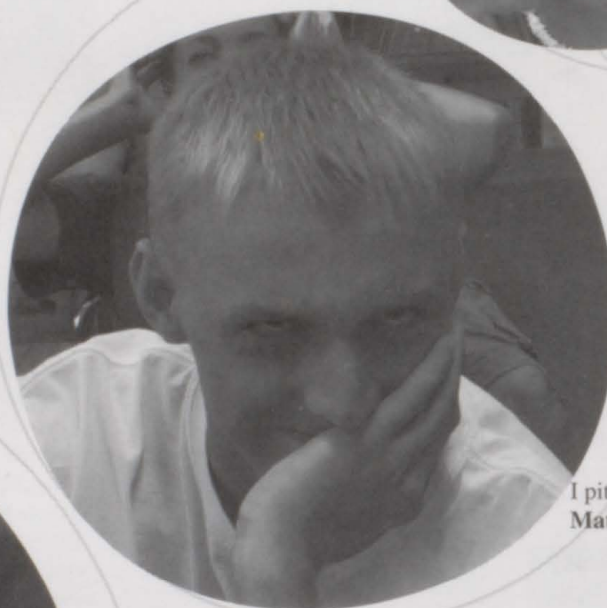
Clete Vrbka giving us a taste of the Vrb Charm.



What are you eating Marcus Bender?



Class officers: Mike Wagoner, Amanda Hanquist, Caleb Church, Brooke Engel, and Jesse Dubas



I pity the fool, who angers Matthew Anderson.



Brooke Engel licks her lips...but for WHOM?

The Juniors had an interesting year. It was full of fun and included a lot of responsibility. We've had to study for the ACT's, choose careers and start thinking about which college to attend along with financial aid. As a junior, we've all received a lot of glorified bulk business mail from every college in the U.S.

The highlight of the year was PROM! We hosted several fund-raisers such as cake raffles, provided a lunch at an Engel Auction, and sold magazines to earn money for decorations, keepsakes and music.

We've had a lot of fun, and these pictures are proof. Someday we'll look back and wonder how it went by so fast as we reminisce on the memories.



Allison Veburg, wondering about her overly, happy friend Talus Vest.



Sarah Staniec...
disgusted or confused?



Yes! I would love a tissue
Sarah Hammond



Mike Wagoner wishes he was as tall as Trevor Schnabel.

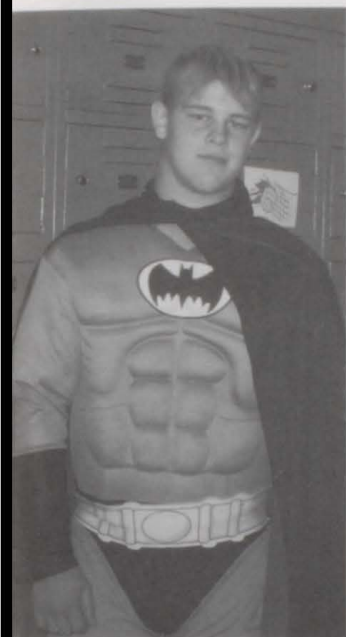


Scott Holtorf
"International"

VS.



Mary Ziemba
"John Deere"



is a bird! Its a plane! Nah..... its just
Derek Rodine.



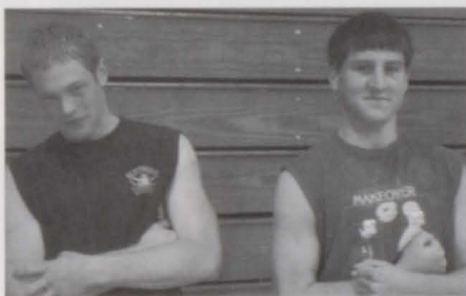
Garrett Reimers giggles after
a good-clean game of crochet



Top of the morning to you,
Lacey Stromberg.



David Oliver experiencing with a
torch in FCS.



Joe Ditloff and Nick Gustafson
looking "TOUGH" ?



Grant Friesen, are you sleeping?



Jesse Dubas and Caleb Church take time to pose
for a quick snapshot.



"Its HAMMER time!"
says Denise Carlstrom



Kyle Hohnholt looking classy as usual.

Sophmores

Class of 2009

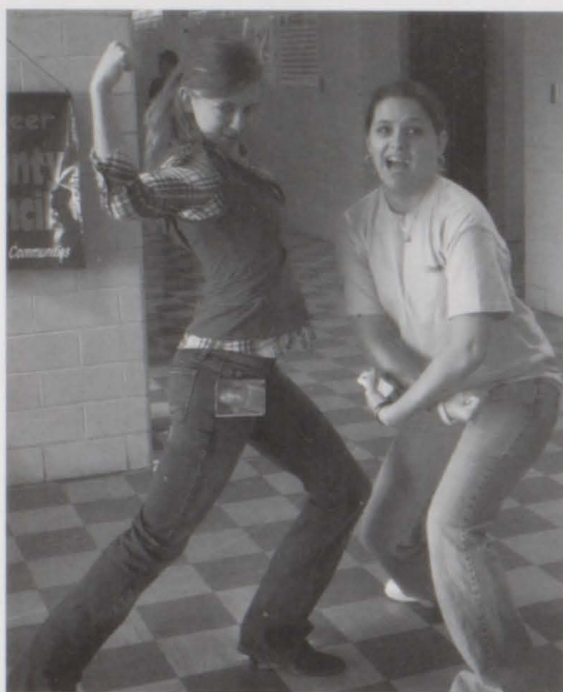


Carl Rahrs stares the camera down.

This year was very interesting for the sophomore class. They felt it was better then last year because they weren't considered the underdogs anymore! There were some ups and downs, but they seemed to get through them.

When asked about some memories of the year they listed these as the top. When some of the girls went off-roading in Meagan's car coming home from making pizzas; Thania getting hit in the eye with a softball; and Mitch getting his licences taken away. It was an unforgettable year for them.

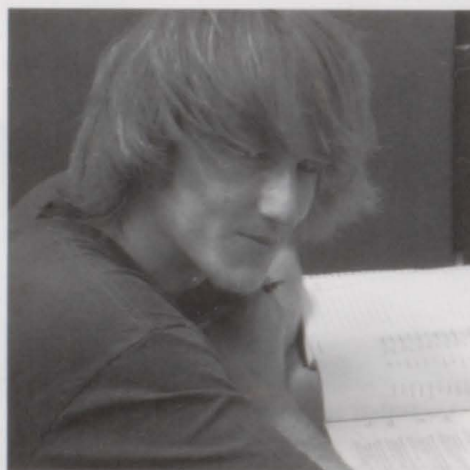
This class of thirty is looking forward to the next two years of high school and will surely record many more memories.



Meagan Sundberg and Cheyanne Schultz show their muscles.



The girls of the Sophomore class cheer on the storm football team.



Tyler Rathjen gets a little extra study time in Mr. Arasmiths' room.



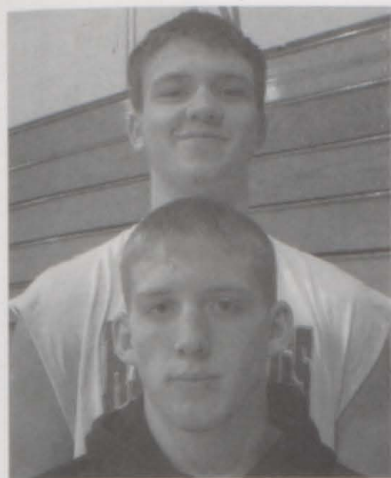
Mindy Kowalski surprised by the camera.



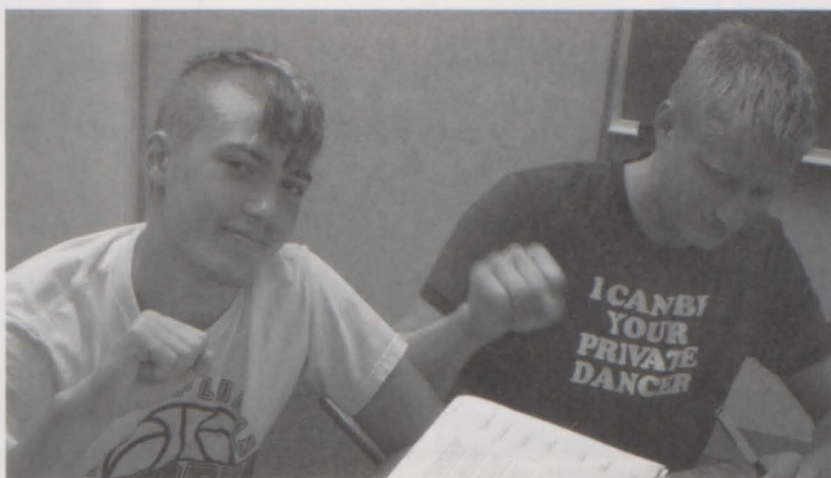
Luke Samuelson looking sweet as usual with his side mohawk.



Adam Danklesen pumps some iron in the weight room. Easy ladies!



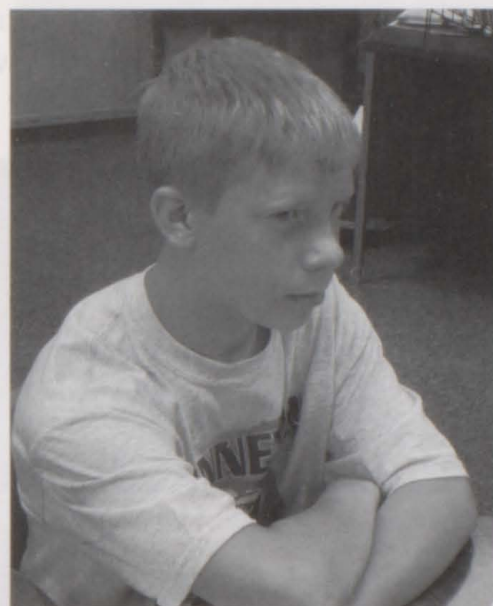
**Mitch Kobza towers over
Tanner Kuhn.**



Terry Bankson and Joe Fowler proud to be in study hall.



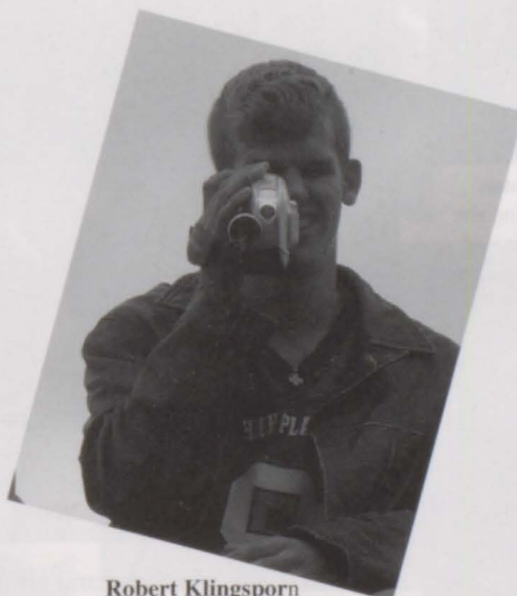
Class of 2009 skip class to take a group picture.



Aaron Blase ponders the meaning of life.



Calvin Shively redefining the word sexy.



**Robert Klingsporn
is happy to film the J.V. football game.**



Anna Swanson always happy to pose.

The Freshman year is a year of new experiences; clubs, sports, dances, new buildings, and a new spot in the lunchroom. The first thing the freshmen do is pick class officers: President- DJ Wilson; Vice President- Jon Hanquist; Secretary/ Treasurer- Shelby Labarge; Student Council Representative- John Oliver.

They soon realize that they are not the top dogs anymore, but this years freshmen has taken this step with ease. They fit in pretty well with all the other students in the high school.



The Freshmen boys relaxing while choosing their class officers on the first day of school.



Kyler LeSuer
imagining what today's football practice is going to be like.



Hannah Lott
wondering why she's so close to the camera.



The Freshman Class of 2010



Ethan Spence
surprised to be at High Plains.



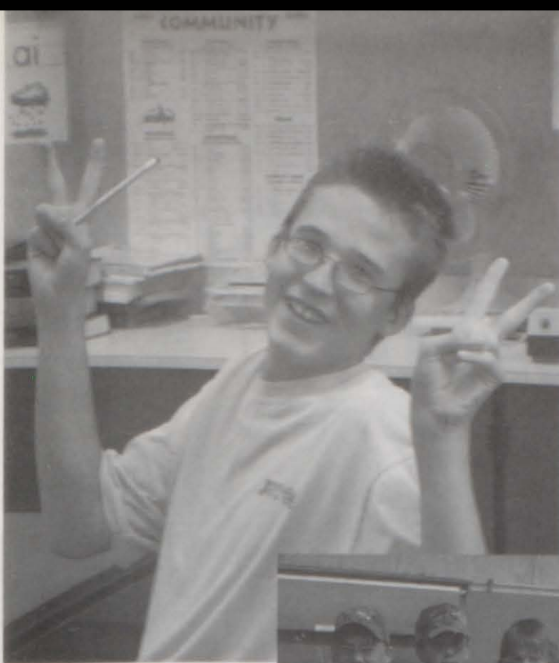
Courtney Doremus
shivering and wishing she was back inside.



Brandon Nickolite
is excited to participate in the bus evacuation drill.



The first day of school and all the freshmen girls are excited to see how the officers vote turned out and what high school will be like.



Right: **Jamee Scherer** showing off her skills in her band uniform.

Left: **Jason Vincent** declares peace to the camera.
Below: **Becky Kobza** and **Shelby Labarge** trying to compete in a homecoming game.



Right: **Erin Blase** looking her best while waiting to take a group picture.

Left: **Jason Church, Jonathon Hanquist, Kory Stevens** and **Wyatt Miller** we can see you.



Right: **Kinsley Shoup** and **Lacey Jarecke** take time out of Business to take a picture.

Below: **DJ Wilson** takes a break from studying hard.



Below: The freshmen class officers: **Johnathon Oliver, DJ Wilson, Shelby Labarge,** and **Jonathon Hanquist.**



Above left: Smile for the camera **Becky Kobza.**

Above: **Katrina Quick** wondering why we are taking a picture of her.

Left: **Bryan Hohnholt** is revealing his darker side in science.



Left: **William Stearns** trying to keep his eyes open in class.

Above: Some of the freshmen wondering where they are suppose to go.

Right: **Jacob Kennedy** real close to the camera.



The World



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Right: The WONDERFUL
2006-2007 Yearbook Staff
just bein' themselves.

Below: Logan Glasser, Megan Carson,
Kylie Shoup, Heather Church, Amber
Karren, Skye Hejtmanek, and Tara
Tonniges strutin' their stuff in York.

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Clete Vrbka between the fingers
of death.



Above: Yearbook model **Logan
Glasser** in his nice suit.

Right: **Justin Blase** taking time out
of his busy schedule to model the
clothes that he dug out of
Mrs. Gilson's garage!



Above: Heather Church, Kylie
Shoup, Skye Hejtmanek, Tara
Tonniges, and Nic Beck during
Yearbook class.



Below: Tara Tonniges, Megan
Carson, Clete Vrbka, and Logan
Glasser after a big ad sell
in Central City.



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Below: Heather Church, Skye Hejtmánek, Megan Carson, and Kylie Shoup taking a break in Runza after selling ads.



Above: Clete Vrbka, Logan Glasser, Kylie Shoup, Tara Tonniges, and Megan Carson working hard on yearbook pages.

Right: Heather Church and Tara Tonniges sleeping while Justin Blase is getting in on the action.



OUR GOAL

The mission

of the HPC Yearbook Staff:

in partnership with students, family, and community, is to produce one dang good yearbook.

The Staff is committed to complete the book -- our most important goal --

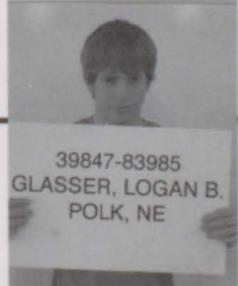
- to develop self-esteem,
- to become lifelong learners,
- to function as productive students,
- and
- to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to meet the demands of putting together a bond book that will go now in history.

"Okay, our deadline is next Friday and we need to-- Nic and Justin. Get back in here!"

~Linda Gilson, Advisor



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AMANDA HANQUIST



KARLIE BLASE



TARA TONNIGES



MEGAN CARSON

Space Jam!



Above: Posing for a picture.

Right: Shaking our stuff at the homecoming bonfire.

Below: Kicking our heels to the beat.

What do you get when you put a group of girls together with different personalities, different talents, and mix them together at 7:00 a.m. to reinvent a choreographed dance to make performable within a week?

A DANCE TEAM THAT ROCKS YOUR HALFTIME!



Above: A Kids Clinic was held for two nights and then they performed their dance at halftime of a football game.

Below: Legs flying high to space jam.



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Dance Team: Back row- Amanda Hanquist, Tara Tonniges, Brooke Engel, Karlie Blase. Middle row- Hana Lindburg, Amber Karren. Front row- Megan Carson, Heather Church.



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Twisters

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“Act now and ask for forgiveness tomorrow.”

Below: The officers, Secretary, **Todd Schuze**, President, **Justin Blase**, and Vice President, **Nic Beck**.



Below: **Tara Tonniges** and **Heather Church** brainstorm ideas for a fundraiser.



Right: Members of the Student Council.



Middle right: Students help take out the trees in front of the school.

Bottom right: **Heather Reimers** takes a photo opp. with Vice President **Nic Beck** and President **Justin Blase**.

First row: Todd Schulze, Heather Church, Mike Wagoner, Travis Kuhn, Marcus Bender, Justin Blase, Nic Beck, Clete Vrbka, Caleb Church. Second row: Luke Samuelson, Terry Bankson, Joe Ditloff, Joe Fowler, Talus Vest, Kylie Shoup, John Oliver, Jon Hanquist. Third row: Nate Hoffman, Jesse Dubas, Skye Hejtmanek, Brooke Engel, Tara Tonniges, Hana Lindburg. Fourth row: Ashley Fleming, Hale Strobel, Heather Reimers, Grace Edson, Carl Rahrs. Not pictured: Megan Carson



Justin Blase and **Clete Vrbka** serve juice and doughnuts to **Josh Weese** during student appreciation day.



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Student Council



Left: **Todd Schulze, Justin Blase,** and **Nic Beck** stack the canned food collected in February for the local food pantry.

Right: **Skye Hejtmanek** lets us know that she is "OK".

Below right: **Todd Schulze** provides moral support as **Justin Blase** risks his life to beautify our school.



The High Plains Community Student Council had a very busy year. They took on a project of landscaping the front of the school, and had all the trees and bushes removed. They also took the "Polk" off the elementary and high school buildings.

They participated in the Fall Convention at Columbus High, and are looking for ideas when High Plains hosts the convention with some surrounding schools.

The Student Council members provided orange juice and donuts the morning of semester tests and the pop for the hot dog day lunch. They held a food drive, which was a competition between all the classes; they collected a total of 40 pounds and 30 dollars, which they took to the Central City food shelter.

They were really busy during the holiday season, decorating the school inside and even out. A 20-foot Santa Claus on top of the school greeted students, teachers, and patrons as they came to the high school everyday. The lobby was decorated with not one, but two Christmas trees.

A Groundhog's Day dance in February was held after a basketball game for the student body. It provided a fun break for the long winter months.

The Student Council even had enough time to fill the pop and milk machines everyday (with a little help from our beloved secretary Jodie Vrbka).

And thanks to our sponsor's (**Mr. Vrbka's**) encouraging words "Act now and ask for forgiveness tomorrow."



The members of the Speech team work very hard. Countless hours are put in preparing their events for contests. Their practices are held before and after school, but lots of work is done on their own getting everything up to competition performance level. One of the largest speech teams ever at High Plains started the year. As the season progress some members are loss due to contest ratings and other commitments on contest days.

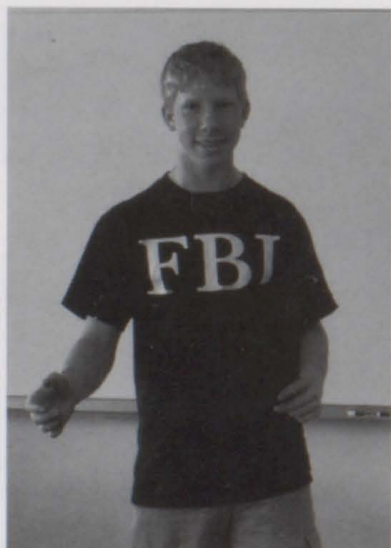
Outstanding performances were given by Trevor Schnabel in Humorous Prose receiving 4th place at the Ham-mer and Cedar Rapids Contest, and a 1st Place medal at Osceola. Kinsley Shoup won a 2nd Place medal at the Osceola meet and was named the Top Novice in Humorous Prose. Grace Edson placed 6th at the Cedar Rapids meet and 4th at CRC in Persuasive. Aaron Blase also did Persuasive and received 1st Place at CRC and 5th place at the Lindsay meet. Lacey Jarecke performed an Entertainment speech receiving a 3rd place at the Ham-mer meet and 6th place at CRC. Carl Rahrs received 5th place in Informative at CRC. Amber Karren placed 4th at Districts in Poetry. The OID group had an excellent year placing 2nd at Osceola, 3rd at CRC and 5th at Districts.



First row: Kinsly Shoup, Grace Edson, Heather Riemers, Heather Church.
Second row: Carl Rahrs, Aaron Blase, Trevor Schnabel, Lacey Jacecke, Matt Anderson.
Third row: Becca Geidel, Anna Swanson, Jame Scherer, Courtney Doremus.
Fourth row: Garrett Riemers. Not pictured: Megan Carson, David Oliver, Amber Karen.



Amber Karren practices her speech enough to win a 3rd place medal at districts.

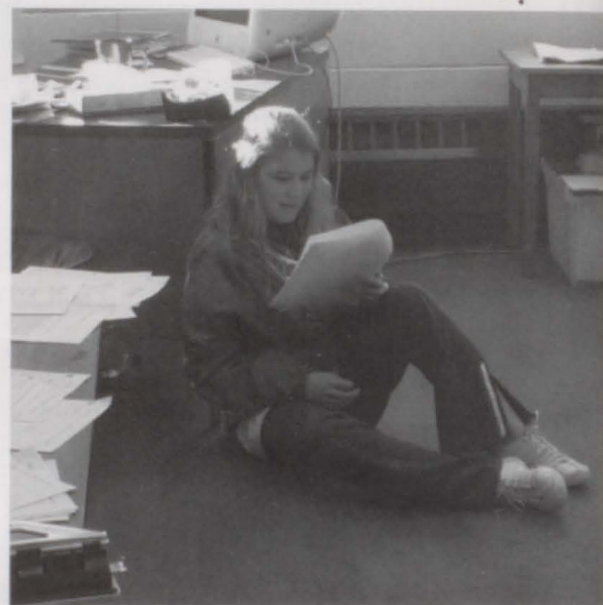


Aaron Blase did a Persuasive speech as while as being in the OID.



Trevor Schnabel gives the mean expression of Count Dracula.

Practice makes PERFECT!



Heather Riemers caught the heart of many after fine tuning her Serious Prose piece in countless practices.



Anna Swanson performed in Serious Prose.



Grant Friesen practices his Entertainment speech.

S P E E C H



The Oral Interpretation of Drama Team. **Jamee Scherer, David Oliver, Megan Carson, and Aaron Blase** comes up with many different stories of Jack and Jill to entertain a child while babysitting.



Grace Edson received 4th place for Persuasive at CRC.



Kinsley Shoup wishes she could have her turn at the world in her Humorous Prose.



Speech sponsors **Sue Wilgocki** and **Jean Blase** spend numerous hours helping the students with their works.



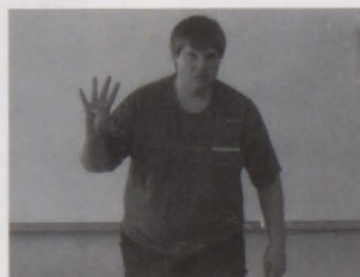
Lacey Jarecke gave an Entertainment speech on Learning to Drive... with a Parent!



Courtney Doremus read poetry about horses at the Community Dinner Theater.



Matt Anderson impresses us with his ability to write a speech in minutes after an hour research and prep time in Extemporaneous.



Carl Rahrs entered Informative speech this year.

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QUIZ BOWL & ACTIONS DAY

High School Quiz Bowl Team

Marcus Bender, Luke Samuelson,
Todd Schulze, Aaron Blase,
Justin Blase, Grace Edson, Nic Beck,
Heather Reimers, Isaac Samuelson,
Brooke Engel, Michael Wagoner,
Jesse Dubas, Caleb Church.

8th Grade Quiz Bowl Team

Back: Melissa Sundberg, Whitney
Engel, Jessica Geidel, Ian Carson,
Jordan Gustafson, Front: Nealey
Hoffman.

7th Grade Quiz Bowl Team

Chancy Miller, Hilary Kava,
Carly Redman, Kendra Samuelson,
Tanner Hannappel, Adam Bannister.

Actions Day @ Hastings College

First row: Todd Schulze, Justin
Blase, Heather Church, Denise
Carlstrom, Sarah Staniec. Second
row: Aaron Blase, Jonella Yrkoski,
Meagan Sundberg, Mary Ziemba,
Alison Veburg, Kyle Shoup.

Third row: Garrett Reimers,
Tara Tonniges, Brooke Engel,
Nate Hoffman, Grace Edson.

Fourth row: Matt Anderson,
Trent Norquest, Marcus Bender,
Logan Glasser, Michael Wagoner,
Jesse Dubas.

Knowledge and quick thinking
is needed for members of the quiz bowl
teams. The competitions are ran by the
clock and numbers of correct answers
are recorded.

The Actions Day (Academic
Competition That Inspires Our Nation's
Scholars) competition are tests taken by
the team members. Individual honors
are presented from test scores. Jonella
placed fourth in Home Economics, Grace
placed third in Language and fourth in
Literature, & Meagan placed third in
Geometry.



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National Honors Society

Our National Honor Society had a successful year with the new Freshman Mentor Program and our canned food fund raiser. In order to receive an application, you must have an accumulative average of 90%. Then your application is reviewed and the points are totaled. Through this, 4 out of the 11 applicants were accepted.

The Mentor Program was created to help the Freshmen become acquainted with high school and if they had any questions they had someone to talk to.

New Members:



Heather Reimers,
sophomore

Ashley Fleming,
sophomore



Aaron Blase,
sophomore

Megan Carson,
senior



2007 National Honor Society Members

1st row: Ashley Fleming, Heather Reimers, Aaron Blase, Megan Carson.
2nd row: Jonella Yrkoski, Mary Ziemba, Tara Tonniges, Alison Veburg, Skye Hejtmanek, Brooke Engel, Garrett Reimers.
3rd row: Kylie Shoup, Matt Anderson, Logan Glasser, Todd Schulze, Nate Hoffman, Trent Norquest, Marcus Bender.

Officers:

President:

Kylie Shoup

Vice President:

Logan Glasser

Fun Committee:

Skye Hejtmanek and
Todd Schulze

Right: Trent Norquest, Jonella Yrkoski, and Mary Ziemba getting ready for the Induction Ceremony.

Below: Ashley Fleming receiving her certificate and medal from Kylie Shoup.



Our Advisor:

Fran Lott



Doris (**Heather Church**) gives the "OK" about the great plan to volunteer, and. Michael (**Jacob Kennedy**) enjoys dancing with the cute girls at the North Platte Canteen.

Below: Kathleen (**Hana Lindburg**) writes to a soldier who she met when he found her name in a popcorn ball.



Dottie (**Grace Edson**) and Abe (**David Oliver**) do the Jitterbug.

Below: Gene (**David Oliver**) washes up for the farmers market where he plans to sell the shirt off his back to raise money for the canteen. His dad (**Kyle Hohnholt**) makes sure he cleans behind his ears.



One-Act Play

Put the coffee on!

This year's production, an original one-act play written by Karol Bankson-Recknor, is based on the North Platte Canteen. During World War II, the people of North Platte and the surrounding communities, established a canteen for troops traveling by the Union Pacific Railroad. Free to anyone in the service, the canteen provided coffee, sandwiches, birthday cakes, fruit, and cigarettes. The trains were met everyday by volunteers wanting desperately to support the troops even though it meant personal sacrifice.

"Put the Coffee On," a phase used to signal the approaching arrival of a troop train, contains six stories of historical fiction. To prepare, the cast was introduced to the history of the canteen, the music of the times and even a dance lesson, the jitterbug, taught by Jodie Blase.

This is Mrs. Dorla Lindburg's 6th year directing the play and Miss Karol Bankson-Recknor's 5th year.



Front row: Megan Carson, Trevor Labarge, Emily Buhr. Second row: Amanda Dent, Courtney Doremus, Becca Geidel, Shelby Labarge, Grace Edson, Emily Letcher, Heather Church, Hana Lindburg, Kyle Hohnholt, Bryan Hohnholt. Third row: Ms. Karol Bankson-Recknor, Mrs. Dorla Lindburg, Nic Beck, Amanda Burruss, Kinsley Shoup, John Oliver, Jacob Kennedy, Jamee Scherer, Heather Reimer, David Oliver, Sarah Hammond, Karlie Blase, Rachel Shotkoski, Trevor Schnabel.



The serving line reacts to bad news from the servicemen.

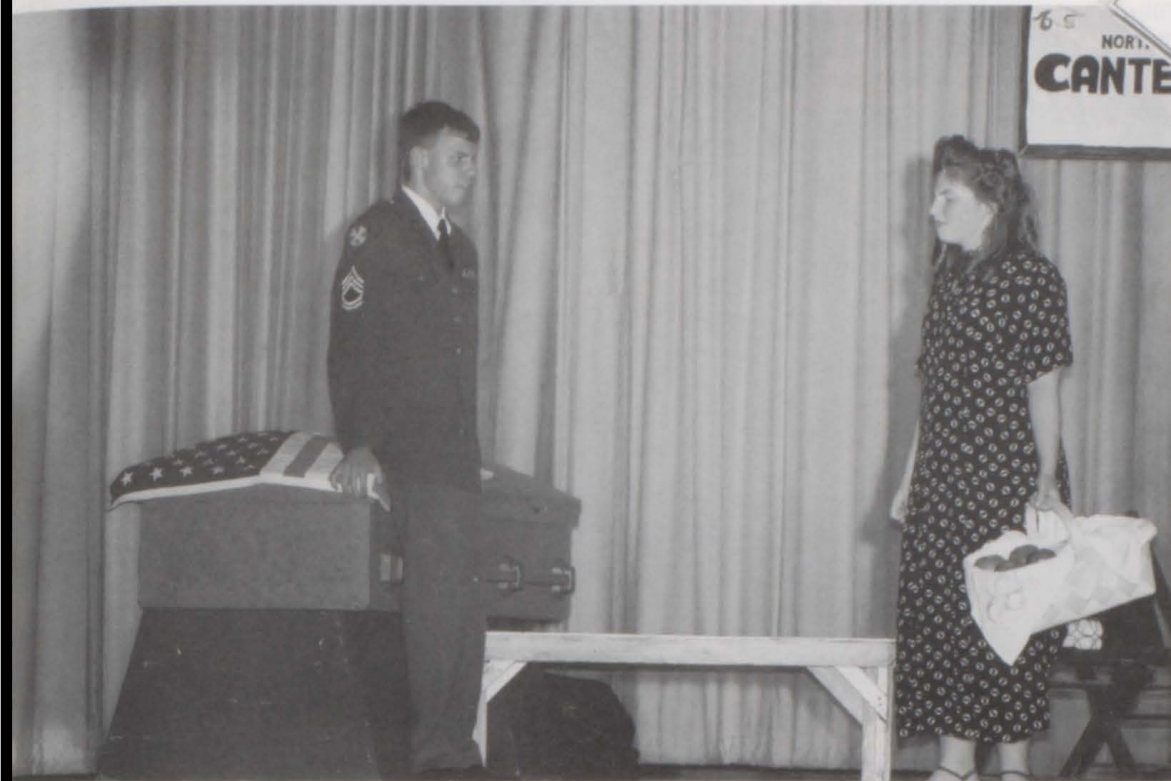


The boys gather to talk about the war.

One-Act Play



Left: Mark (Trevor Schnabel) explains to Marie (Kinsley Shoup) his brother was killed in the war, and he must stay with him till he arrives home. He promised his mother.



Above: The Tech Crew (Emily Buhr, Trevor Labarge, and Megan Carson) lights up the stage.



Left: LaVonn (Jamee Scherer), Winnie (Emily Letcher), and Louis (Shelby Labarge) comfort Elaine (Becca Geidel) who lost her son in the war.

Rae Wilson (Heather Riemers) reminds the audience of the North Platte Canteen held during World War II. Soldiers on their long train rides returning home would stop here and devour a lunch of sandwiches, cake and milk in ...sometimes as little as ten minutes.

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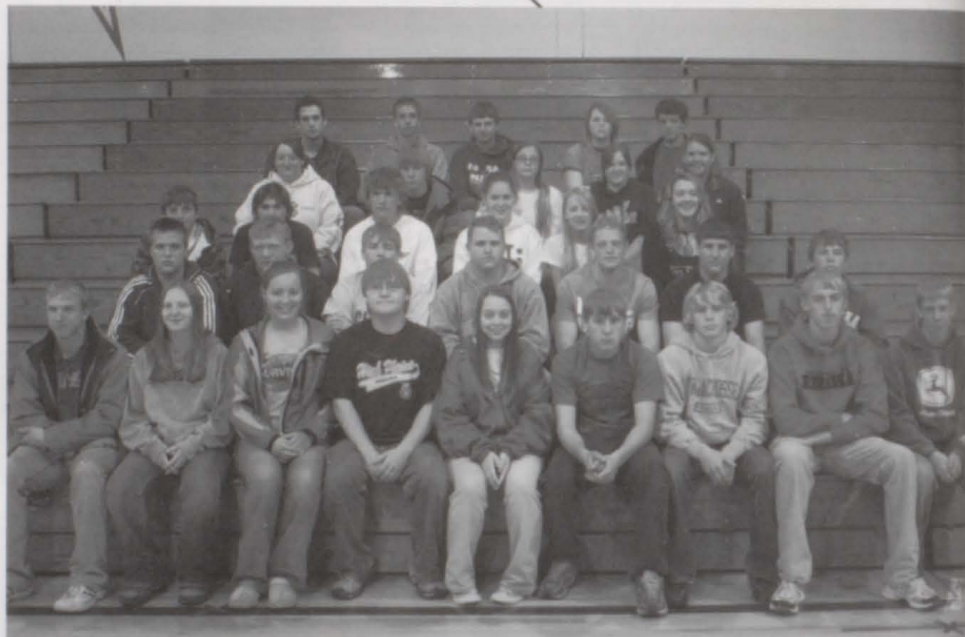
For FFA/Ag week a Kiss the Calf contest was held. Teachers getting the most money in their jar was Mr. Williams and Mrs. Fisher. Here is Mr. Williams giving the calf a big one and Mrs. Fisher decided to feed the calf first to get a really wet kiss. She did give the kiss, but it was so quick this cameraman missed it.

FFA



Many activities and events are held throughout the year for the FFA group. Actually they start during the summer months with county and state fairs entries and judging opportunities. They also attend many judging contests throughout the year at various locations. Attending Husker Harvest Days is always an event they look forward to. The day is spent viewing new and innovating ag products. District and state contest are held in the spring. These events let the members show off their knowledge in different competitive areas and receive awards for their performances.

The Parent-Member banquet held in May is when they award all of the year's achievements and honor the parents and community people who help out during the year. They end the evening with a labor auction for a fund raising event. They also sold party-time merchandise for a fund raiser. Their advisor, Keith Neilsen, puts in many hours working for the FFA group that the members don't realize.



First row: Officers: Parliamentarian Scott Holtorf, Chaplain Lacey Stromberg, Sentinel Sarah Hammond, Historian Josh Weese, Treasurer Jonella Yrkoski, Secretary Jeremiah Reyner, President Travis Kuhn, Vice President Matt Anderson, News Reporter Aaron Blase. Second row: Ethan Spence, Trent Norquest, Jason Church, Anthony Beck, Joe Ditloff, Nick Gustafson, Nate Hoffman. Third row: Bryan Hohnholt, Mike Wohlgemuth, Josh Fitzgerald, Jamee Scherer, Shelby Labarge, Hana Lindburg. Fourth row: Megan Burruss, Josh Reyner, Courtney Doremus, Amana Burruss, Lacey Jarecke. Fourth row: Sean Steinke, Jon Hanquist, Wyatt Miller, Kaleigh Baloun, Grant Friesen.

Left: The freshmen members stand before the officers to receive their Greenhand awards.

Far left: **Jonella Yrkoski** giving her report to the president during a meeting.





The Senior and Junior Livestock Evaluation Teams both advanced to the state competition.

Team members were: Senior team - **Jonella Yrkoski, Nick Gustafson, Lacey Stromberg, and Sarah Hammond.** Junior team - **Willie Stearns, Josh Reyner, and Ethan Spence.**



District Welding team: **Jeremiah Reyner, Anthony Beck, Nick Gustafson, Trent Norquest, and Aaron Blase.**



Freshman Ag Science team:
Front row: **Willie Stearns, Jon Hanquist, Courtney Doremus, Lacey Jaracke.** Back row: **Amanda Burruss, Jamee Scherer, Josh Reyner, and Jason Church.**

Mr. Nielsen received an Honorary State Degree at the State Convention in April at Perishing in Lincoln.



President **Travis Kuhn** and Vice President **Matt Anderson** during one of their meetings.



Above: A state officer held a workshop for the freshmen members. Here she is holding an activity outside with them where they had to hold on to their toes and jump.



Jamee Scherer placed 2nd in the Creed Speaking Contest and **Lacey Jaracke** won the event advancing to the district competition and receiving her FFA jacket.



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Above: **John Oliver** says pizza is OK to **Becca Geidel** and **Shelby Labarge** while **Bryan Hohnholt** isn't so sure.

Below: Members enjoy ice cream at one of the meetings.



Front row: Lacey Stromberg, Sarah Hammond, Denise Carlstrom, Sarah Staniec, Emily Buhr, Skye Hejtmanek, Kylie Shoup, Shelby Labarge, Megan Carson, Heather Church. Second row: Mary Ziemba, Lacey Jarecke, Megan Burruss, Jonella Yrkoski, Hana Lindburg, Tara Tonniges, David Oliver, Becca Geidel, Advisor Linda Gilson. Third row: Amanda Burruss, Grace Edson, Heather Reimers, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Cheyanne Schultz, Meagan Sundberg, Britny Kava, Hannah Lott. Fourth row: Bryan Hohnholt, Courtney Doremus, Garrett Reimers, Justin Blase, Todd Schulze. Not pictured: John Oliver.



We broke these three freshmen members, **Courtney Doremus**, **Amanda Burruss**, and **Lacey Jarecke**, in making pizza at Godfather's for our fundraiser.



State qualifiers in Entrepreneurship, **Sarah Staniec**, **David Oliver**, and **Mary Ziemba**.



Jonella Yrkoski, **Megan Burruss**, **Mary Ziemba**, **Hana Lindburg**, **Sarah Staniec**, and **Denise Carlstrom** spent a day out of school working at concession stand for the HPC Invite in Osceola.



Above: The awesome Parli Pro Team that made it to State.

Right: **Kylie Shoup**, **Bryan Hohnholt**, and **Denise Carlstrom** sitting at the admissions table for the Haunted House that the FCCLA members put on.



FCCLA

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Lots of activities were held this year by the HPC FCCLA chapter. The most exciting and fun one was the haunted house we planned and held in October. It was open for two nights at the Hordville events center and had four different stations for people to experience as they traveled through the maze.

Several members volunteered at the Polk blood-mobile held in October and March. In December we had a few members come and bake cookies for senior residents of Polk, Clarks, and Hordville.

Our annual pizza fund raiser was a big success this year as was the concession stand at the High Plains track meet.

Officers for the year were: Megan Carson-President, Skye Hejmanek-Vice President, Jonella Yrkoski-Secretary, Mary Ziemba-Treasurer, Heather Church-Historian, Tara Tonniges-Parliamentarian, Hana Lindburg-Recreational Chairperson, and David Oliver-Publicity Chairperson.



Above: The Parli Pro team, **Kylie Shoup**, **Tara Tonniges**, **Heather Church**, **Skye Hejmanek**, **Emily Buhr**, **Lacey Jarecke**, **Jonella Yrkoski**, and **Megan Carson**, after receiving their bronze medals at State.

Below: **Sarah Staniec**, **Hana Lindburg**, **Mary Ziemba**, and **Lacey Stromberg** making some yummy pizzas.



Five very sleepy girls on their way to district star.

Left: A picture of a meeting that was held during school to decide on some final decisions.

Right: Seniors, **Emily Buhr**, **Skye Hejmanek**, and **Heather Church**, eating at districts.

Below far right: **Amanda Burruss** and **Lacey Jarecke** dressed as scary clowns for the haunted house.

Below right: **Brittney Kava** getting executed at the haunted house.



Left: Our chapter's president and district officer, **Megan Carson**, being installed at DLC in October.

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Choir



Choir members **Hana Lindburg, Ashley Boltz, Emily Buhr, Heather Church, Carl Rahrs, and Trevor Schnabel** singing with jubilation at the spring concert. At the district music contest they received a Superior.



Above: The choirs first performance at the fall concert.

Right: **Hana Lindburg, Heather Church, and Emily Buhr** smile for the camera after a concert.

Few but mighty. They were small in numbers, but were very ambitious as the results from district music shows. Emily Buhr sang a solo receiving a superior, Trevor Schnabel received a superior for his solo, and Ashley Boltz received a good for her solo.

They performed many times throughout the year.

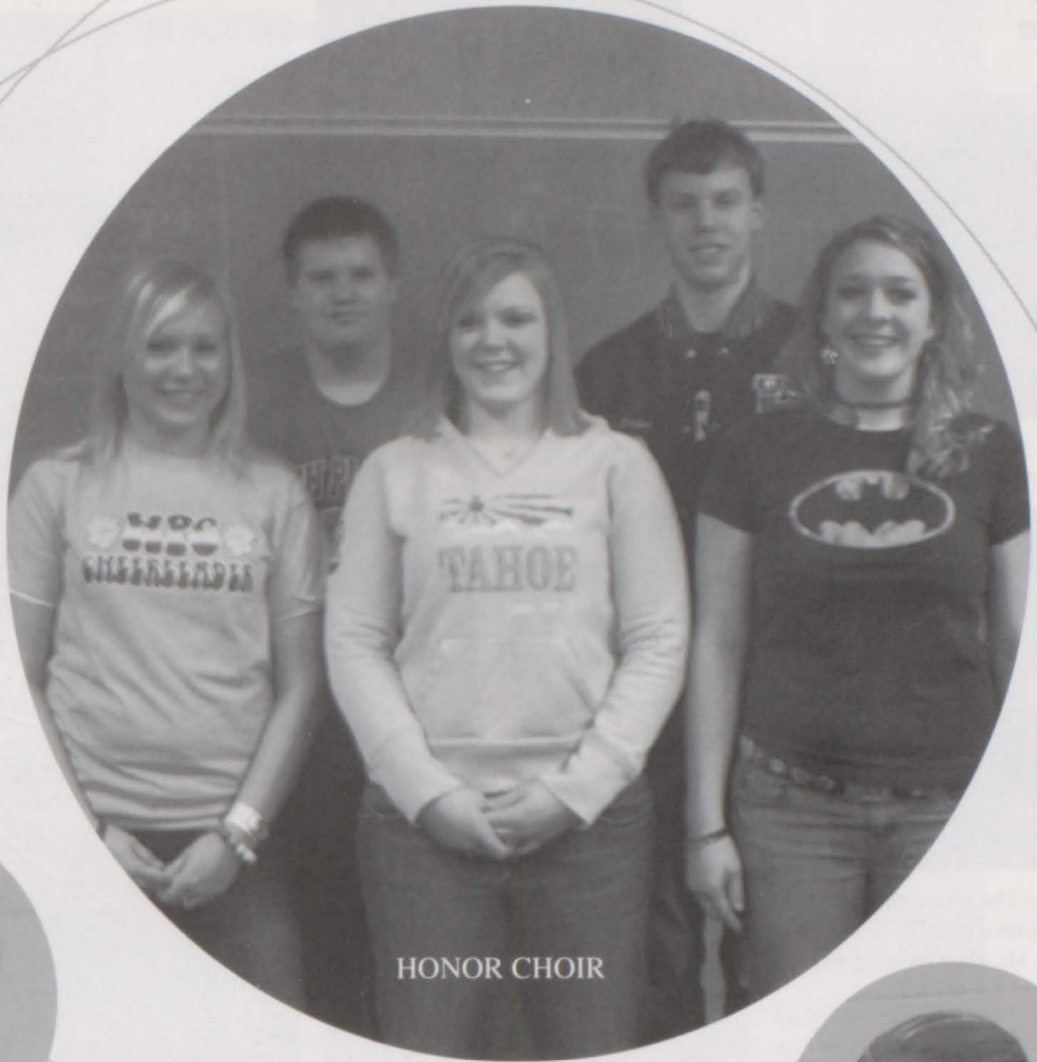


Above: **Hana Lindburg, Ashley Boltz, and Emily Buhr** singing there hearts away.

Below: **Hana Lindburg and Heather Church** singing a duet at the dinner theater. They received an excellent at districts for the duet.



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Far left: The choir singing at their last concert, Fine Arts Night.

Below middle: **Emily Buhr** and **Heather Church** singing for the senior center at Christmas time.

Below: **Carl Rahrs** and **Trevor Schnabel** were the only boys, but did an excellent job.





Kylie Shoup jamming out with the kid's at the kid's camp performance.



Kaleigh Baloun, Skye Hejtmanek, and Emily Buhr performing a stunt at the football game.



Above: The cheerleaders trying to get the crowd pumped up for the upcoming game.



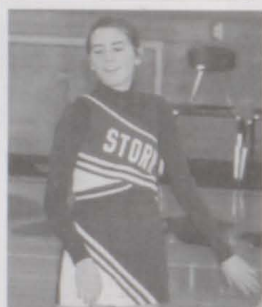
Below left: Emily Buhr and Skye Hejtmanek doing the "BEAT" cheer.

Below right: The cheerleaders cheering at a home wrestling meet, rooting on our storm wrestling boys.



Heather Reimers decorating for the Homecoming dance.

Above: The senior cheerleaders posing for a picture.
Right: Mr. Hess hanging around at one of the pep rallies.
Below left: The senior basketball boys looking good for the dating game.
Below right: Hannah Lott having a good time.



The cheerleaders performing their "Hot" dance.



Meagan Sundberg asking Emily Buhr if she would put the balloon down and catch her.



Cheerful Heather Reimers and Emily Buhr trying to get the crowd going.



The cheerleaders dancing at the boys district basketball game.

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Front row: Heather Church, Kylie Shoup, Heather Reimers.
Back row: Hannah Lott, Kaleigh Baloun, Skye Hejtmanek, Emily Buhr, Meagan Sundberg.

Cheerleading

The High Plains Community Cheerleading Squad was made up of eight talented young ladies this year. They dedicated themselves by practicing hard, most being early morning, and choreographing several dance routines. They performed the dance routines at halftime and quarter intervals at many games.

Their coaches Becky Buhr and Dennis Gray spent many hours helping them get ready for games, dance performances, and pep rallies. Mr. Gray was mainly in charge of transportation to and from games, where Mrs. Buhr contributed a great deal of time and enthusiastic suggestions for pep rallies.

Three seniors, Skye Hejtmanek, Heather Church, Kylie Shoup, will end their four-year cheerleading career this year. Senior Emily Buhr will end her three-year career. These girls have dedicated themselves to promoting school spirit and cheering the sports teams on during their high school years with great enthusiasm and effort.

Thank you to all eight of you for the work you do; locker tags, pep rallies, posters, hosting homecoming, and cheering at games. You are the force in the school that keeps all the students, teachers, and fans supporting our athlete.

SENIORS



Heather Church and her friend the goat.



Skye Hejtmanek



Emily Buhr



Kylie Shoup

BAND



Band Majorett
Heather Church.

The Band passed all expectations for the instructor, Fred Hess this year. He wasn't so sure after the first performance, but the band came back for four more parades and did an excellent job. Mr. Hess rejoined High Plains after a few years away. At the Yorkfest parade the band came home with a 3rd place finish. The Harvest of Harmony parade yielded a 2nd place finish in Class C and 9th place overall. A first place finish was brought home from the Veteran's Day parade in Central City. They also marched in both the Polk and Hordville town's parades in August. They received an excellent rating at the district music contest.

There were many individual performances at the district music contest also. Excellent ratings were received by Trevor Schnabel for a tuba solo, David Oliver for a trumpet solo, Grace Edson for a flute solo, Flute trio (Cheyanne Schultz, Ashley Fleming, Hannah Lott), and a Trumpet trio (Lacey Jarecke, Haley Strobel, Thania Sanchez). A Superior was received by Megan Sundberg for her sax solo.

Matt Anderson, Megan Carson, and Trevor Schnabel made the Class C All-State band. Heather Church was voted the Most Valuable Person by her fellow band members. Above and Beyond awards were given to Grace Edson, David Oliver, Matt Anderson, Carl Rahrs, and Trevor Schnabel.



The High Plains Community Marching Band.



Left: Flag Captain Skye Hejtmanek.



The Flag Core during the Harvest of Harmony parade.



Back row: Kylie Shoup, Emily Buhr, Alison Veburg.
Middle row: Amanda Hanquist, Megan Carson.
Front row: Skye Hejtmanek, Tara Tonniges, Brooke Engel.



Luke Samuelson resting before the Veteran's Day parade.



The band got into the season by playing beautiful Christmas carols and lighting their stands with lights.



Harvest of Harmony
Queen Candidate
Kylie Shoup.



The flag girls and majorett chatting.



The pep band at a home football game.



Jonella Yrkoski on the trumpet.



The band marching at the Polk 100th Celebration.



Flutes at Christmas concert.



Isaac Samuelson at Harvest of Harmony.



Marching at the first parade of the year, the Polk 100th Celebration. They also marched in the Hordville 100th Celebration parade.



Far left: A select group of students playing "Stille Nacht" at the Christmas concert.

Left: CRC medal winners, Alison Veburg, Matt Anderson, Megan Carson, Aaron Blase, and Grace Edson.

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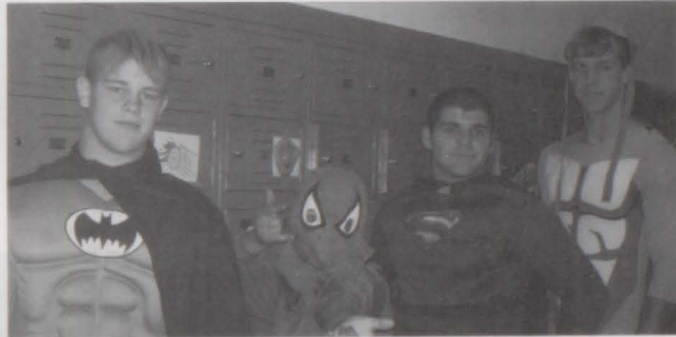
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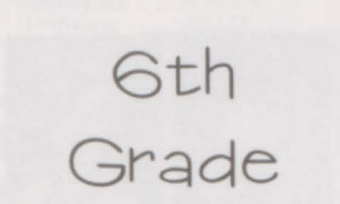
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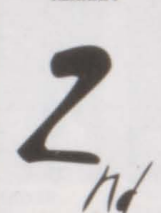
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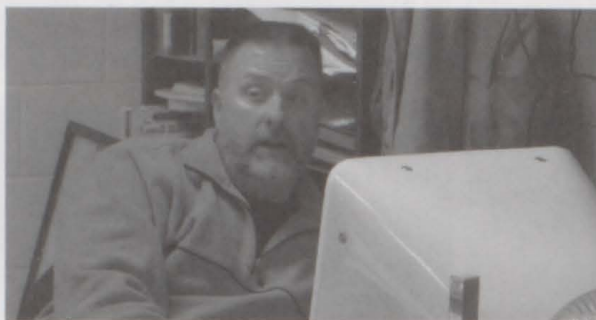
Our new guidance counselor, **Diane Fisher**, was a great addition but only stayed for the year.



The staff had many inservices working on school improvement.



School Board members:
Front row: **Karen Stevens, Wendy Hudson, Kurt Kuhn.**
Second row: **Brian Samuelson, Kathy Klingsporn, Becky VanHousen, Greg Fowler.**



Keith Killion wondering what his middle school students are doing while he works at his computer.



Dennis Gray
Superintendent



Clete Arasmith
Principal



Karyee LeSueur
Principal



Mike Cotter has taught in the district for 33 years. He retired this year leaving a middle school science position open for someone new next year.

The staff at High Plains Community Schools is a very dedicated group of individuals. They spend lots of hours preparing for their students each day. The lessons and activities are planned so that learning takes place in an environment that is student oriented and pleasant. This is shown in the number of years that members of the staff has been at High Plains Community. You can ask anybody and they will tell you High Plains is a great place to be.



Diane Wiese retired after 26 years of teaching in our district. She taught reading and Title I.



Our head cook, **Darlene Fowler**, has planned and cooked many a meals.



Above left: **Sandra Quiring** is the vocal music teacher and accompanies other students for solos and duets.



Above right: **Andy Vrbka** is a great pep talk speaker. He can get everyone excited about the up coming event.

Right: **Fred Hess** is a good sport getting duck taped to the wall by his fellow teachers at a pep rally.



Several individuals decided to retire this year. Mary Truesdell from the kitchen in Clarks, Diane Wiese teaching English 6 and Title, Donna Werner, custodian at Polk elementary site, Sherry Quick, Polk cafeteria, Mike Cotter, middle school science, Darlene Fowler Polk cafeteria, Orlo Spence bus driver. Not pictured: Ilene Dearing, middle school family and consumer science. These eight individuals total over 100 years of service for the High Plains Community School district. Besides these retirees there were two one-year contracts, Karen Edmison and Jeri Gray, and then five other teachers decided to take other jobs or leave education, Sandra Quiring, Diane Fisher, Fred Williams, Clete Arasmith, and Karol Bankson-Recknor.

STAFF



Karol Bankson-Recknor
Speech Pathologist



Karen Benner
MS Reading/English



Bonnie Campbell
5th Grade



Becky Carlstrom
Aide



Barb Church
MS Secretary



Dale Church
MS Custodian



Mike Cotter
MS Science



Ilene Dearing
MS Family &
Consumer Science



Linda Dittmer
MS Cook



Angie Eberle
Special Education



Linda Edson
Aide



Diane Fisher
Guidance Counselor



Cheryl Fowler
EL Secretary



Darlene Fowler
Head Cook



Anne Garrett
HS English/MS Math



Linda Gilson
HS Family &
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Marla Glasser
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Shannon Graves
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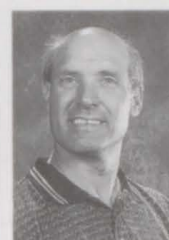
Sharon Johnson
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Joe Krysl
Tech Support &
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Kelly Lesiak
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Dianne L'Heureux
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Fran Lott
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Norm Manstedt
HS PE



Leigh Metcalf
Spanish



Steve Meyer
EL/MS PE



Linda Necker
HS Custodian



Keith Nelson
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Agriculture



James Pekarek
HS Science



Loretta Pollard
Aide



Sherry Quick
HS Cook



Sandra Quiring
Vocal Music



Tabitha Rieken
2nd Grade



Laura Senff
Kindergarten



Ellie Sizer
5th Grade



Mary Truesdell
MS Cook



Deb Ueckert
1st Grade



Pat Vest
HS Math/Computer



Andy Vrbka
HS Social Studies



Jodie Vrbka
HS Secretary



Don Walford
HS Business



Diane Wiese
Title I



Donna Werner
EL Custodian



Sue Wilgocki
HS English



Fred Williams
HS Math

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS



Second row: Student Manager Kyle Beck, Jordan Gustafson, Trent Tonniges, Ian Carson, Derek DeMers, James VanHousen, Josh Greo, Joshua Fisher, Student Manager Tanner Fate.
First row: Tanner Hannappel, Steven Thies, Trevor Osantowski, Daniel Thies, Ryland Veburg, Taylor Doremus.

Football Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
8	Palmer	34
8	Shelby	46
6	Giltner	44
8	Exeter-Milligan	14

Final Record: 0 - 4

Girls Volleyball Scoreboard

HPC		OPP
0	Giltner	2
2	Rising City	1
2	Palmer	1
2	Hampton	0
2	McCool	0
1	Exeter - Milligan	2
2	Cross County	0

Final Record: 5 - 2



Fourth row: Head Coach Angie Eberle, Chancy Miller, Ashley Morris, MacKenzie Stevens, Shala Ostberg, Michelle Majerus, Asst. Coach Sue Wilgoeki. Third row: Kendra Samuelson, Joslyn Blase, Carly Redman, Brittany Martin, Hiliary Kava, Katelynn Shoup. Second row: Machaela Majerus, Allison Anderson, Ashley Swanson, Arianna Bolton, Nealey Hoffman, Whitney Engel, Kylie Jarecke, Dawn Matson. First row: Isabell Edson, Jessica Giedel, Sara Church, Tyler Lujtelusche, Melissa Sundberg, Amanda Kobza, Heather Reimers, Sierra Dittmer.



Third row: Asst. Coach Ed Kobza, Michelle Majerus, Shala Ostberg, Amanda Kobza, Nealey Hoffman, Sierra Dittmer, Machaela Majerus, Caroline Wilson, Allison Anderson, Head Coach Joe Kyrsl.
Second row: Brittany Martin, Katelyn Shoup, Carly Redman, Joslyn Blase, Kylie Jarecke, Ashley Swanson, MacKenzie Stevens.
First row: Chancy Miller, Kaylee Reimers, Melissa Sundberg, Whitney Engel, Ariana Bolton.

Girls Basketball Scoreboard

HPC		OPP	HPC		OPP
24	Giltner	23		CRC Play-Off Game	
35	Rising City	12	21	Meridian	41
26	Chapman	15		Cedar Rapids Tourne	
28	Hampton	17		2nd Place	
24	Palmer	7	24	Humphrey	23
36	McCool	13	21	Burwell	16
24	NE Christian	12	14	Lindsay HF	21

Final Record 9 - 2

MS Westling

Harvard/Clay Center Invite
Dorchester Invite
Walnut Invite
Cross County Invite
Schuyler Invite
Central City Invite
Seward Invite



Second row: Brandon Sundberg, Jordan Gustafson, Mikey Spence, Derek DeMers, Josh Greo.
First Row: Caleb Schulze, Adam Bannister, Trent Tonniges, Josh Fisher and Ryland Veburg.



Second row: Student Manager Tanner Fate, Ian Carson, James VanHousen, Trevor Osantowski, Student Manager Kyle Beck.
First row: Tanner Hannappel, Steven Thies, Daniel Thies.

Boys Basketball Scoreboard

<u>HPC</u>		<u>OPP</u>	<u>HPC</u>		<u>OPP</u>
12	Giltner	51		Cedar Rapids Tourney	
45	Rising City	6	14	Humphrey	41
12	Hampton	56	23	Fullerton	36
18	Palmer	28		Chapman Tourney	
22	McCool	30		2nd Place	
50	NE Christian	26	28	NE Christian	22
			23	St. Libory	28
				Final Record	3 - 7

MS Track Scoreboard

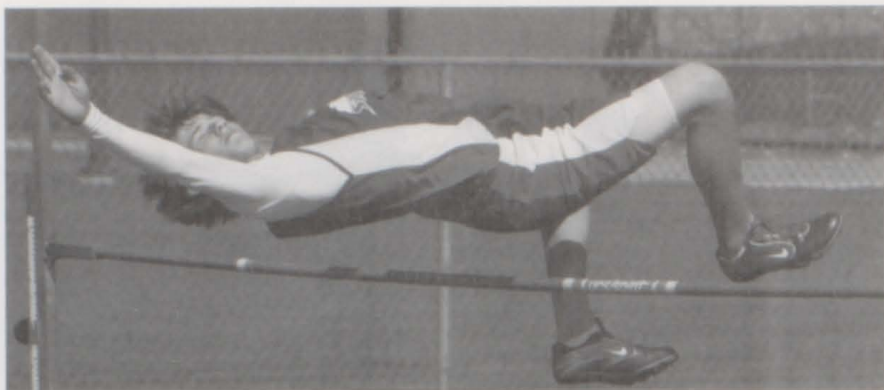
Boys		Girls
2nd	High Plains Invite	2nd
6th	Hampton Invite	6th
2nd	NE Christian Invite	3rd
1st	CRC Meet	3rd



First row: Jessica Geidel, Seirra Dittmer, Kaylee Reimers, Brooke Brown, Tyler Lutjelusche, Whitney Engel, Nealey Hoffman, Tiffany Wohlgemuth, Taylor Scherer. Middle row: Chancy Miller, Katelynn Shoup, Ashley Swanson, Amanda Kobza, Brittany Martin, Carly Redman, Kendra Samuelson, Joslyn Blase, Hilary Kava.
Back row: Caroline Wilson, Kylie Jarecke, Allison Anderson, Makayla Majerus, Michelle Majerus, Shala Ostberg, and Ariana Bolton.



First row: Colton Flinn, Steven Thies, Zachary Hejtmanek, Taylor Doremus, Ryland Veburg, Daniel Thies, Brandon Sundberg. Middle row: Tanner Hannappel, Adam Bannister, Trevor Osantowski, Jordan Gustafson, Damian Golden, Ian Carson, Joshua Fisher. Back row: Derek DeMers, Robert Wilson, Trent Tonniges, James VanHousen, Mikey Spence, Joshua Greo.



Ian Carson flying high over the high jump bar.



Sometimes you just have to get down on the floor to make a good play.



Nealey Hoffman has good form on this serve.



The boys show their tackling skills.

Right: **Trent Tonniges** looking to get in the ball.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Above: **Amanda Kobza** runs the hurdles.



Robbie Wilson in a good defense position.



Above: **Whitney Engel** chases after a loose ball!!

Right: **Carly Redman** going for a fast break.



Jordan Gustafson kicking off



Right: Head **Coach Angie Eberly** gives the girls volleyball team a pep talk before a game.





Sierra Dittmer sprints to the long jump pit.



Tyler Lutjelusche clears this hurdle.



Josh Greo gets ready to rebound the shot.



Brittany Martin passes the volleyball with Hilary Kava ready to help if needed.



Ian Carson lands in the pit.

SPORTS



Jordan Gustafson shoots and he scores!!



Taylor Doremus gets ready to finish his throw in the shot.



Above: Brittany Martin lets the discus fly.



Tanner Hannappel gets ready to stand up.



The team gets a break at a time out.



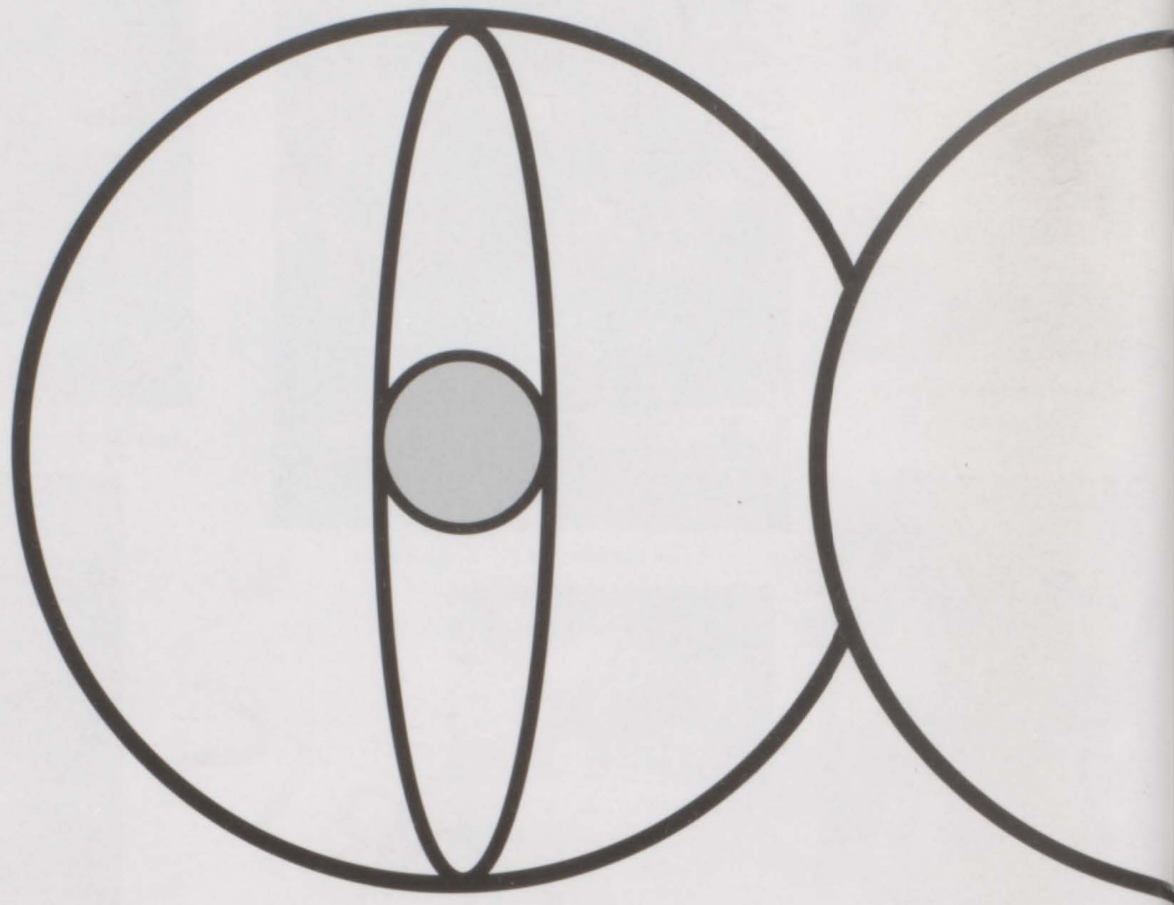
Coach Krysl and Coach Kobza gives the girls team a pep talk before they have to go back in and play.



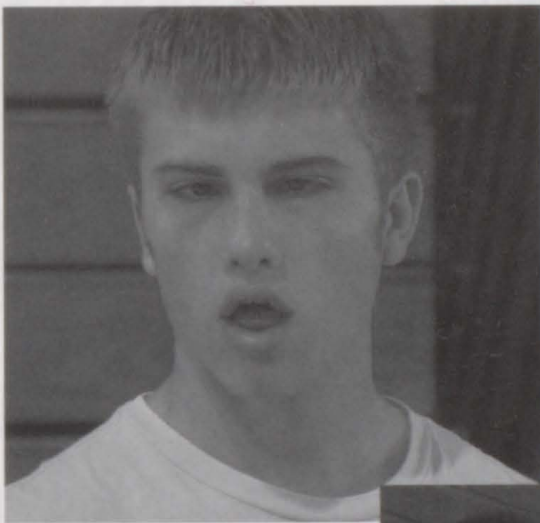
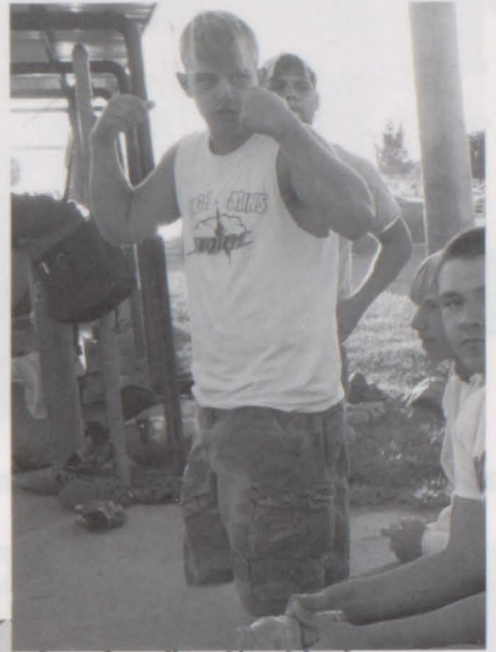
Storm players ready for the tackle.



James VanHousen snaps down his opponent.



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J U S T I N



Our little boy and little brother.

It's hard to believe that you're finally graduating! We are going to miss those last minute costume makeovers, the many meals we whipped up for friends, and yes, even those talks to principals.

One thing is for sure, you are an individual and you will always be your own person. We applaud you for being you, and ready to take on the world. We know you will continue to be a leader, not a follower, and we look for great things in your life.

IN MY LIFE, I love you more.

MOM, DAD, & TRAVIS



HEATHER

How fast the years have gone by, from our little sugie to a beautiful young woman.

May you look back and smile as you remember all the past memories that have been created.

Your great sense of humor and ability to enjoy life are qualities that will take you far. Always remember to live for today and dream for tomorrow for only you can make them come true.

We are so very proud of you. May God watch over you and we will always be here for you.

Love you very much!

Dad, Mom, Jason and Randy



Time has gone by so fast!
It's hard to believe you
are about to graduate.
The future is yours...and
you can do anything you
put your mind to!
We are proud of the
young man you
have become and
hope you know
you are loved
by so many
people. Good
luck in your
future and
remember to be
the best person
you can be!
We love you!

Dad, Mom,
and Sara

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Logan,

*2007! It seemed so far away when you were
in kindergarten, but here it is. You've brought so
much joy into our lives. May God bless you as you
continue to reach for your goals.*

We Love You!

*Mom, Dad, Tali, Jackson, Gage,
Tyson, Niki, Nate and ☺*



Ashley



*It's been rough, but I knew
you would be strong enough.
Good luck in your future
and I will always be there for you.*

*Love,
Dad*

Thomas

Congratulations!!
It's so hard to believe
that 18 years ago
you came into our
lives. And now you're
graduating and going
to start a life of your
own.



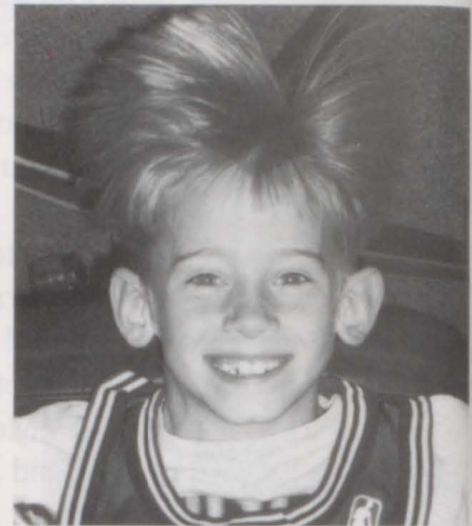
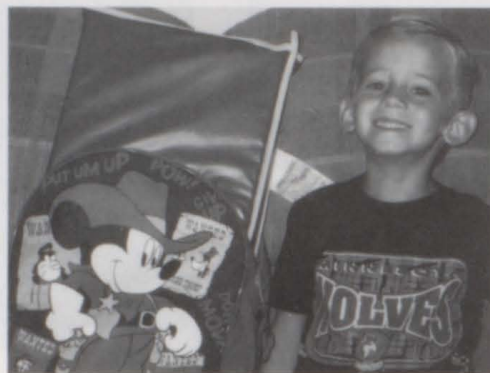
And remember we
are always here for
you.

We love you
Dad, Mom,
Daniel, Steven

Nic,

"Living is to grasp all of Life's experiences" and we love how you do just that! Your zest for fun in everything you do will make your road to the future a brighter one. There have been so many special memories and there are many more to come. We know you have what it takes to succeed in life. Go for it and make us proud.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, T.J. and Brian



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WOW!

WHERE HAVE THE PAST YEARS GONE? IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WE WERE TRYING TO GET YOU INTEGRATED INTO HIGH PLAINS! THEN WE WERE TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH YOU AND ALL YOUR HARD WORK, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND FUN AT H.P.C.

YOU HAVE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN, WHO HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO US, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP JESUS FIRST IN YOUR LIFE AS YOU CONTINUE TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF MANY IN THE YEARS TO COME.

WE ADMIRE
AND LOVE
YOU SO VERY MUCH!
LOVE,
MOM & DAD
& YOUR FAMILY





Kylie

You have been a joy to us since the day you were born. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished! God has blessed you with many gifts, we know he has a plan for you.



"With God nothing is impossible.

Mt. 19:26

Always remember we love you and are here for you.

Mom & Dad

Kinsley & Katelyn



Cody

We want you to know that you are a blessing and we are very proud of the handsome, curly haired man you have become. It was an honor to watch you play sports over the years, and we know you will achieve success at whatever you set your mind to. May God walk beside you through your journey in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Tasha, Joshua & Cheyanne





Isaac

Your school years have been so much fun. We have loved watching you in all your activities. What a blessing to have memories, what a blessing to have you.

We are very proud of you, your many accomplishments, and the person you have become.

We wish you all the best as you continue life's journey; we will be with you every step of the way!

Dad and Mom
Luke and Kendra



We are so proud of you! You've given us so many memories, so much joy and laughter. Letting you go is hard, knowing how we'll miss having you close. But then, as it has been with each stage of your life, we are looking forward to seeing what your future accomplishments will be. Your intelligence, your caring nature, and your wonderful sense of humor are your gifts from God. You have been a gift to us and now to the lives you'll touch along the way.

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Our love always and forever,
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Ashley



May all of your hopes and
dreams come true!
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Love Grandma and Grandpa Bottz



Megan

Throughout your young life, you have left your mark upon those that know and love you. Now is the time to venture out into the great unknown and leave your mark upon the world. Meet this challenge with the tenacity and drive that lies within you and accept nothing but the success that is yours for the taking. You will always be in our hearts!

We all love you,
Mom, Dad, Candice, Makayla, R.J., and Ian

TRAVIS

Congratulations on all your accomplishments. Time goes so fast, from small shy boy to independent young man. You have so many abilities that God has given you. Do whatever your heart desires and we will all be supporting you all the way.

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Mom & Dad



Hana,

Thank you Hana Babe for teaching us about diversity. You are so loving, creative, outgoing, helpful, and have a heart for people. God will bless you and renew your strength so you will soar on wings like eagles, run and not be tired, walk and not grow faint (Isaiah 40:31). We are so proud of you!

LOVE, Mom & Dad



Best of Luck Hana! Love ya - Levi

I am so blessed to have you as a sister and Friend. Open your hands to God, your future is HIS! You are destined to live life magnificently, have your heart's desires, extend your hand to the poor, be blessed, hold your head high, smile at the future, be courageous, guard your heart, defend the truth, speak with confidence, execute justice and know that you are Jesus' Princess! I am SO PROUD OF YOU. I love you more than words could say. Smile because the best is yet to come. I LOVE YOU.

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KENDRA

Hey Kendi!

Not so long ago, on one glorious June day, your Dad and I announced, "Get ready world, here she comes!" The experiences we have shared with you these past 18 years have gone beyond anything we ever dreamed of. It has been a blast watching you in all your endeavors along the way. A new phase in your life is soon to begin. Aim high and make the best of the next few years. Use the gifts God gave you, work hard, and follow your heart. Take time to have some fun. You'll make lots of new friends, but never, ever forget the ones you have now. Good luck. Be safe. You have 100% of our confidence, support and love. Always remember that!!!

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TARA

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11th Grade

Frankie



It is the seemingly insignificant moments that have become the most profound. One of my favorites is when Frankie shared her vision of enjoying a coffee at a trendy cafe when she got to college. She described the paper cup as "one with those cool cardboard sleeves around it." She would be, "in between classes and needing a little jolt. Frankie could see it, probably smell it, and certainly dream it. "Frankie, you do not even like coffee," I reminded her. To which she replied, "I know, but I can just imagine holding my little pinky up and feeling so adult." When she walked away I thought ... this is why I love this girl so much. One minute she wants to be a veterinarian, the next a teacher, still another an incredibly gifted advertising professional. Yet in that moment she was pure Frankie... falling in love with independence and the simplicity of a fancy, overpriced cup of coffee. As she bounced away imagining the possibilities, I smiled knowing my little girl was going to make out just fine in this crazy world. Then, as I did often, I thought to myself... jeez I am going to miss her when she graduates.

I loved, loved, admired and adored the young lady you had become. That moment was so you...you beginning to dream. Honoring you, Frankie Lyn, on this page is seemingly impossible. What we thought was only the beginning, was near the end. Unfathomable...as we laughed in the kitchen that day... never imagining a world without you in it.

The act of living is different all through. Like the sky it touches everything. Your unending spirit, laugh and love live within me, within Jake and your little Boo-Boo...and yes, even Lucky . Life has this funny way of just making you live it.

We continually learn to live without our daughter, our sister, our friend as the joy you brought to this world slowly and steadfastly fights its way through the pain of your absence. I will never know the pleasure of hearing about that cup of coffee as you ventured out into the world. With that, my time here is profoundly changed.

It was my greatest joy.. being Frankie's Mom. For that, I am eternally thankful.

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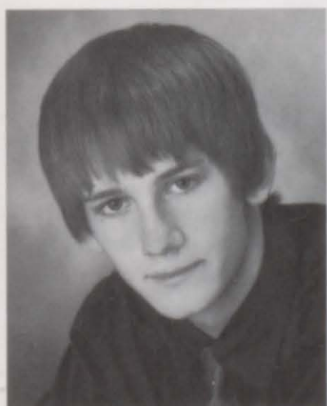
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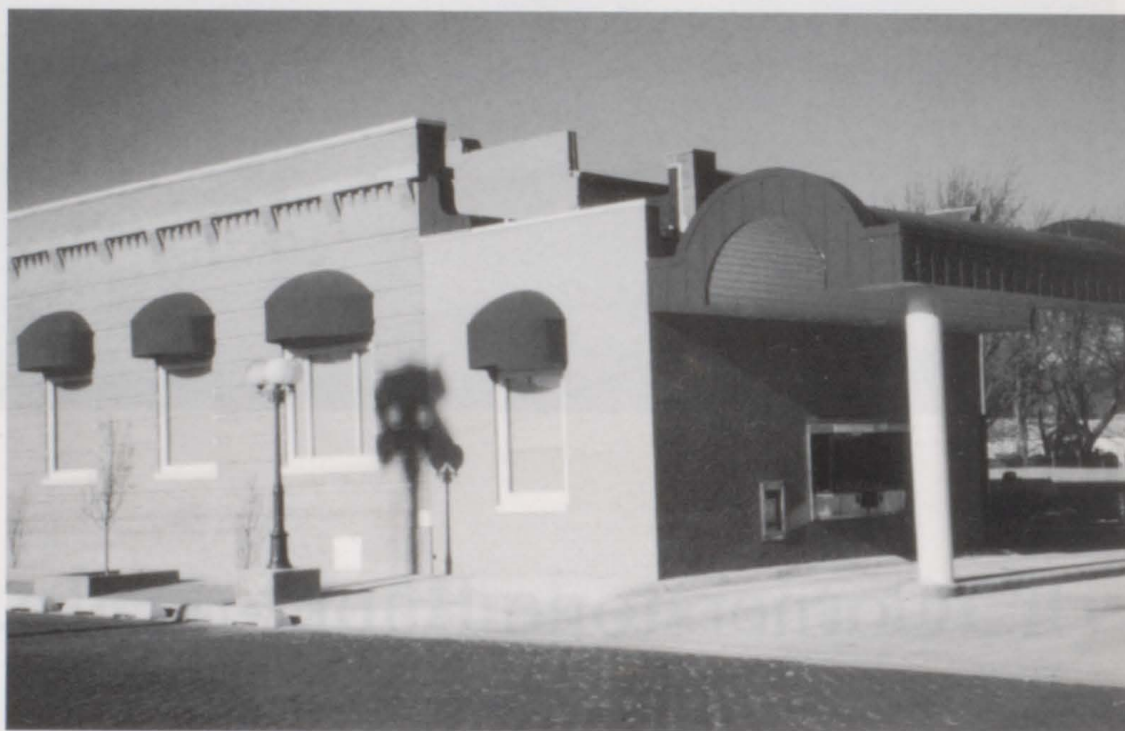


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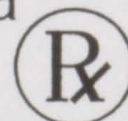
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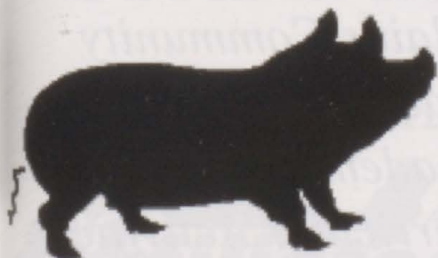
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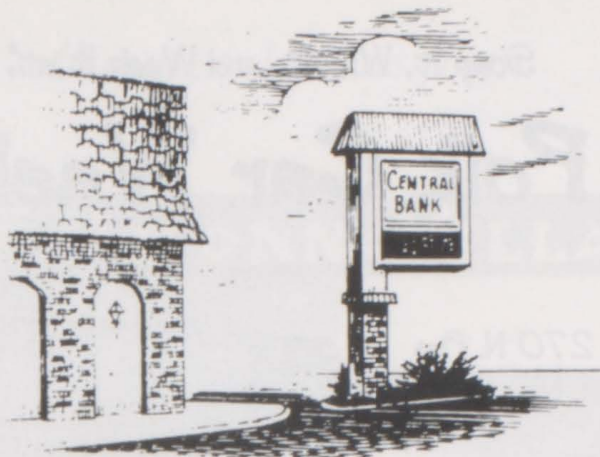
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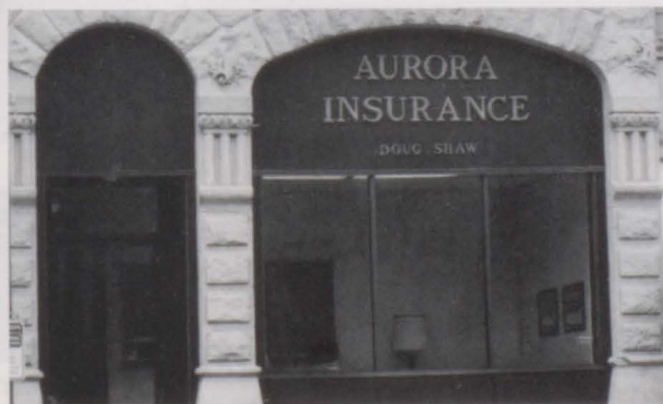
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Jenna Trotter, a sophomore at High Plains Community High School, was killed in a car accident on her way home from school on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.



Jenna Mae Trotter

November 23, 1990
- May 9, 2007

Risking

Jenna,

You brought so much joy to our lives. - We miss you greatly - Always in our hearts.

*Vickie Jo Rieken
Kristopher &
Katlyn*



Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile spring soil.

The first seed said, "I want to grow! I want to send my roots deep into the soil beneath me, and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me...I want to unfurl my tender buds like banners to announce the arrival of spring...I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face and the blessing of the morning dew on my petals!"

And so she grew.

The second seed said, "I am afraid. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will encounter in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me I may damage my delicate sprouts... what if I let my buds open and a snail tries to eat them? And if I were to open my blossoms, a small child may pull me from the ground. No, it is much better for me to wait until it is safe."

And so she waited.

A yard hen scratching around in the early spring ground for food found the waiting seed and promptly ate it.

Moral of the story: Those of us who refuse to risk and grow get swallowed up by life.



Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow
But remember me in every tomorrow.

Remember the joy, the laughter, the
smiles, I've only gone to rest a while.
Although my leaving causes pain and
grief

Maybe my smile will ease your hurt
And give you relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me.
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.

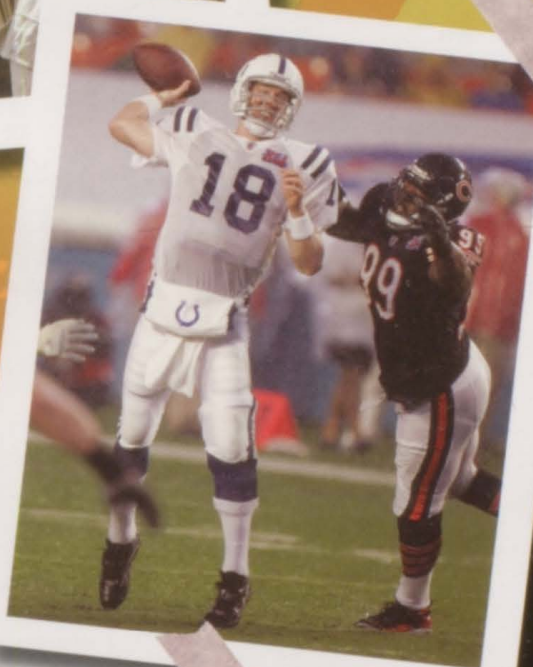
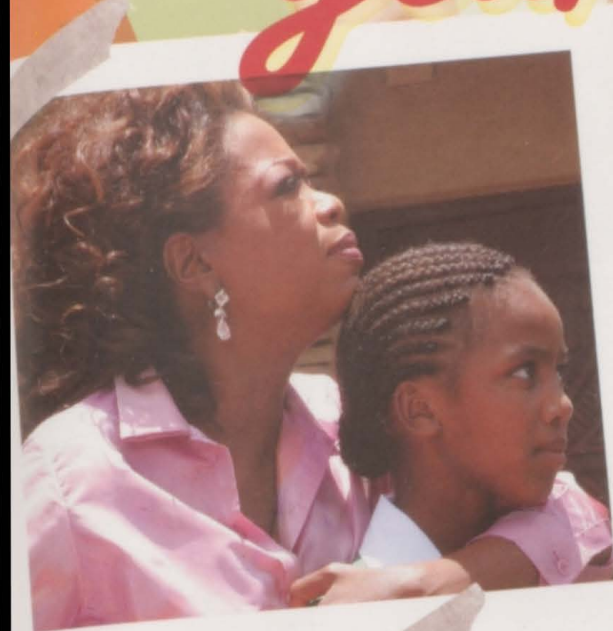
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And will look on with a smile.

Understand in your hearts
I loved you and this place
If only for a little while.

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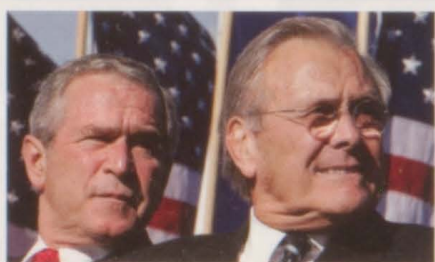
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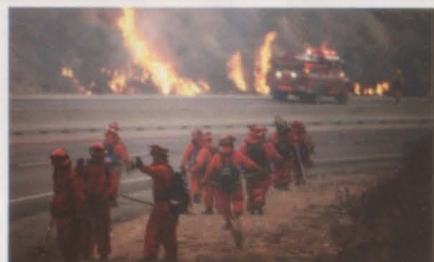
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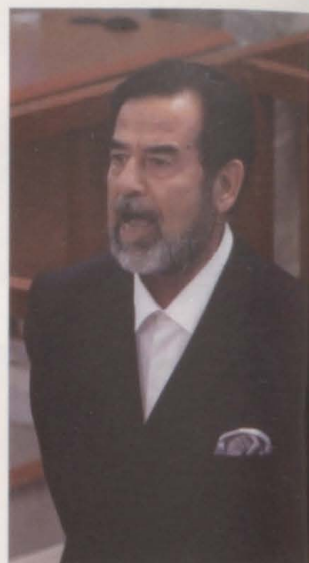
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A. The fury within

Violence by insurgents and sects increased in Iraq despite efforts by Iraqi police and troops from the U.S. and other countries. More than 3,000 U.S. troops died in Iraq since March 2003. Iraqi authorities reported almost 17,000 of their countrymen died in that period, although estimates varied greatly. The U.N. estimated more than 1 million Iraqis fled their homes.

B. Iraq War reexamined

The Bush administration revised its Iraq strategy after a spike in sectarian violence, the results of the November elections and the Iraq Study Group report. Donald Rumsfeld stepped down as defense secretary a day after the elections; Robert Gates, a former CIA chief, stepped into the position. And President George W. Bush proposed an increase of more than 20,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

C. Rising again

Rebuilding along the Gulf Coast continued following the fall 2005 hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In New Orleans, 74 percent of all schools, and 49 percent of public schools, were open as of December, reported The Brookings Institution, a private research group. Another such group, Rand Corp., predicted the city's population by September 2008 would be 56 percent of the pre-Katrina total.

D. Earth burns, quakes

Mother Nature stayed active in the fall, with an earthquake in Hawaii, record-setting rains and floods in the northwest U.S., and a record early October snowstorm in Buffalo, N.Y.. Five firefighters were killed in a wildfire in southern California that authorities determined was arson.

E. Winter puts life on hold

Holiday blizzards dumped as much as four feet of snow in parts of Colorado and Kansas. Then record warmth in the northern and eastern U.S. stalled skiing, ice fishing and ice hockey, but brought out golfers and flowers, before a massive ice storm and freezing temperatures gripped Texas northward to Maine. And more than 100 inches of snow fell in upstate New York.

F. Food safety

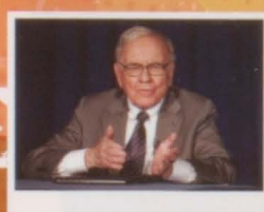
E. coli bacteria appeared in produce shipped to several states, raising safety concerns. At least 175 people became ill after eating fresh spinach, and two people died. Lettuce was deemed the culprit when people in the Northeast U.S. became ill after eating at Taco Bell.



The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the country grew to 300 million people in October.



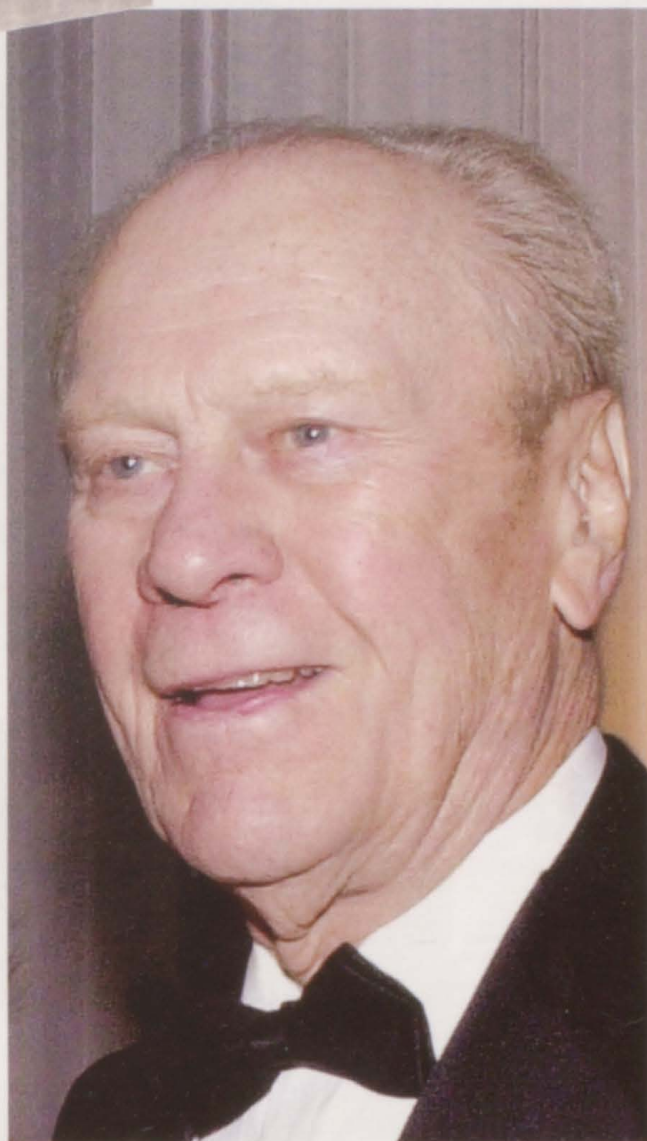
Katie Couric became anchor of the CBS Evening News.



Billionaire Warren Buffet planned to give 85% of his Berkshire Hathaway fortune to philanthropic foundations.



Freezing temperatures in January destroyed 75% of California's citrus crop.



G. Hussein gone

Former Iraq president Saddam Hussein and other officials of his regime were executed for crimes against humanity after being found guilty in the deaths of 143 people from the town of Dujail in 1982. He was hanged in a chamber where his regime carried out death sentence orders.

H. 9/11 five years later

Ceremonies marked the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack. Tributes took place at Ground Zero, where the World Trade Center towers once stood in New York, at the Pentagon and at Shanksville, Pa. Meanwhile, work continued on Freedom Tower, the skyscraper that will replace the World Trade Center towers.

I. A new Congress

Voters in the November midterm elections gave the Democrats a majority in Congress for the first time in a decade. With the victory, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became the first female speaker of the House. The majority in the Senate was in jeopardy for a time because Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., underwent brain surgery for intracerebral bleeding in December.



Construction began for a Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Dow Jones industrial average broke 12,500 for the first time.

Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist who defined free-market economic theory, died at 94.

Pope Benedict XVI visited Istanbul's Blue Mosque, only the second papal visit ever to a Muslim place of worship.

J. President Ford dies

Photo credit: AP/Wide World Photos

Gerald R. Ford Jr., 93, the 38th president, died at home in California in December. Ford was the only president and vice president never to be elected to those offices. He was appointed vice president by President Richard Nixon, and he assumed the presidency when Nixon resigned amid the Watergate scandal in the 1970s. Ford is remembered for pardoning Nixon.

what you think!

Which story had the greatest impact on Americans this year?

Iraq war: 44%

High gasoline prices: 42%

Immigration: 6%

2006 Elections : 6%

Survey results compiled from responses of 1,600 high school and middle school students across the nation.



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K. Communities shattered

Three school shootings in one week in the fall took the lives of nine people. Charles C. Robert IV entered the one-room West Nickel Mines Amish School in Pennsylvania and shot 10 girls, ages 6 to 13, and then himself. Five girls and Roberts died. In Wisconsin, a 15-year-old student at Weston School shot his principal, and in Bailey, Colo., a man shot a 16-year-old girl and himself after a standoff.

L. Ailing leader

Cuban officials claimed President Fidel Castro was slowly recovering from major surgery, and planned to return to power when he was well. Although Castro issued a message on New Year's Day, the 48th anniversary of his revolution, the fact that he had not been seen and few photos were released fueled speculation about the true condition of his health.

M. Ethics charge

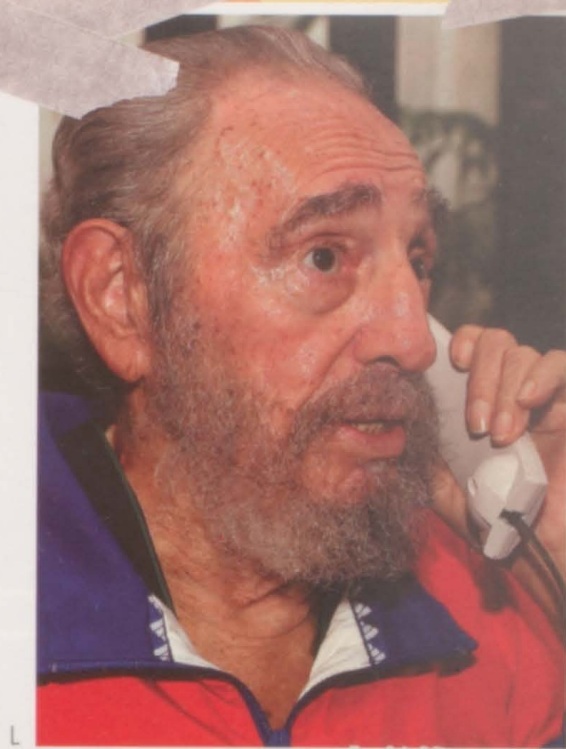
Durham County, N.C., prosecutor Michael Nifong was charged with ethics violations in the case of three Duke University lacrosse teammates accused of sexual assault. The North Carolina bar filed the charges against Nifong, claiming he made inappropriate statements to the media about the suspects and DNA evidence.



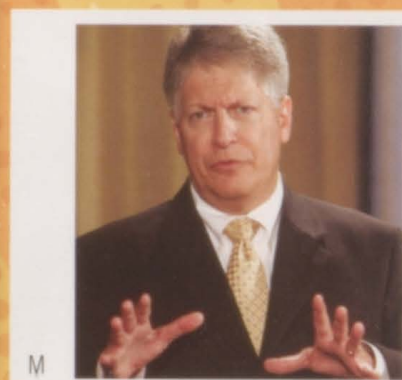
Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, famous for a 1988 Democratic convention speech, died in Austin.



New York City could have an all-day rush hour by 2030, city planners and other experts said.



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N. Continent in turmoil

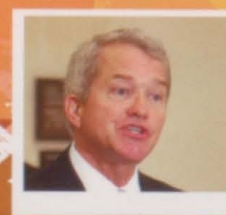
Armed conflict and starvation continued across Africa. Somalia, with the help of Ethiopia, fought to quell Islamic militants. The U.S. made airstrikes against militants thought to be hiding al Qaeda suspects in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. In Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nations sought help for starving refugees amid fighting between rebels and government militia.

O. They come; should they go?

Congress, the president and American citizens grappled with the emotional and economic issue of illegal immigration. The debate ranged from sending home all people in the U.S. illegally and fining employers who hire them to amnesty and a guest worker program. President George W. Bush signed a bill to build 700 miles of new fencing along the U.S.-Mexican border.



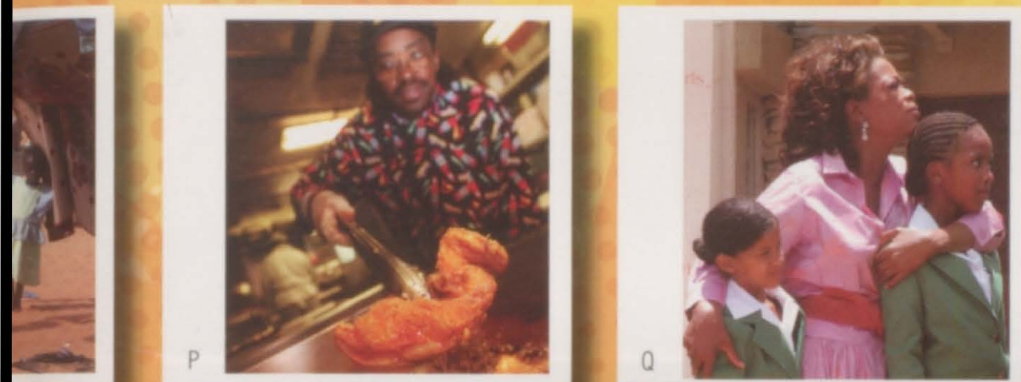
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Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., resigned after inappropriate emails to Congressional pages were brought to light.



Cartoon characters appeared on fruits and vegetables to promote healthier eating.



P. Removing trans fats

Use of trans fats was stopped in some high-profile settings. New York City's health board banned them in restaurants, as did Universal Parks and Resorts and Walt Disney Resorts at their U.S. parks. Trans fats are less expensive to use, but increase bad cholesterol levels, a factor in heart disease.

Q. Helping hand

Oprah Winfrey opened a school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa, named the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy. Winfrey spent more than \$40 million to build and supply the academy and helped to interview and select the first 152 girls to admit. The school will eventually have 450 girls. Winfrey plans to build a second school for boys and girls in South Africa.

R. Spy thriller

Interpol joined the investigation of the death of former Russian KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, who died from ingesting radioactive polonium-210, but not before claiming Russian President Vladimir Putin was behind his poisoning. The Kremlin denied the accusation. The investigation strained the relationship between the Russian and British governments.

S. U.S. pressures Iran

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The United States continued to seek ways to pressure Iran to stop its nuclear program. The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution imposing sanctions on Iran to stop uranium enrichment, which Iran claimed was for electricity generation and not weapons. The U.S. also announced sanctions against Bank Sepah, which provides international banking services in the Middle East.

T. Ask for it by name

Pseudoephedrine is a great decongestant when you have a cold. Unfortunately, it is also used to make methamphetamine, so the government made pharmacies take products such as Sudafed and Drixoral off the shelves. Now adults who want the medicine, must ask for it, show photo identification and sign a logbook.

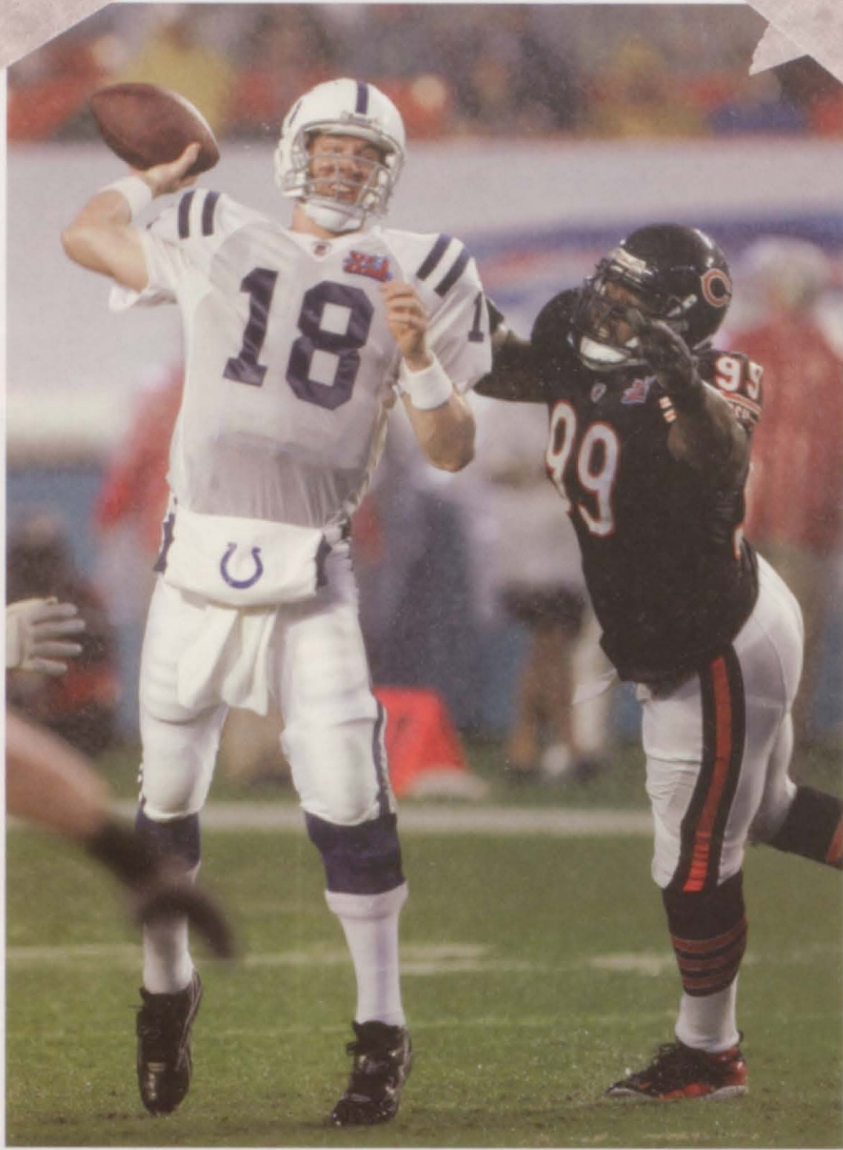


U.S. scientists claimed to have trained bees to detect explosives.

Ban Ki-moon of South Korea became the new United Nations secretary-general Jan. 1

Pop star Madonna's decision to adopt a Malawian boy angered child welfare groups but focused attention on the 900,000 orphans in Malawi.

Teacher Gary Weddle of Ephrata, Wash., stopped shaving Sept. 11, 2001, and will shave only after Osama bin Laden has been caught or killed.



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A. Indy does it

Playing in a soggy downpour in Miami, the Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLII by defeating the Chicago Bears, 29-17. Though the game was plagued by both teams fumbling in the rain, Indy quarterback Peyton Manning was chosen the game's MVP after leading the team to almost 500 yards of offense. It was the first championship for Manning and coach Tony Dungy, both long considered two of the best in the game.

B. Italian delight

Italy won the fourth World Cup title in the nation's history, winning a 5-3 shootout over France in the final match, after the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw in regulation time. The championship game was marred when French star Zinedine Zidane was ejected for a vicious head butt.

C. Gator bait

The Florida Gators chomped on Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game, routing the Buckeyes 41-14. Florida quarterback Chris Leak easily outplayed his Heisman Trophy counterpart, Ohio State's Troy Smith, and Florida became the first school to win a college football and college basketball national title in a 12-month span.



The U.S. men's basketball team struggled, losing to Greece at the World Championships.



Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight got his 880th win, a new record for college basketball.



Sports Illustrated named Miami Heat guard Dwayne Wade the Sportsman of the Year.

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D. Good-bye, Andre

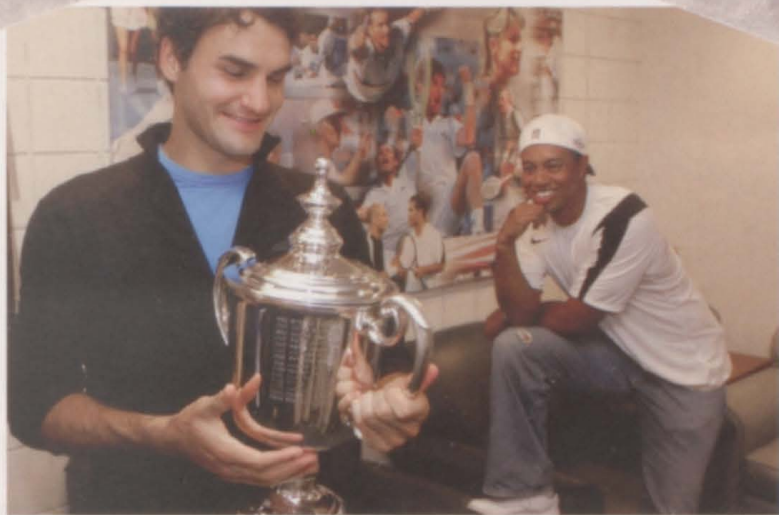
Tennis star Andre Agassi brought his competitive career to an end, retiring after 20 years as a pro because of various back injuries. Considered one of the all-time greats, Agassi was one of only five players in history to win all four Grand Slam titles.

E. Fast friends

Golfer Tiger Woods and tennis star Roger Federer, possibly the two most dominant individual athletes in sports, amused the media by striking up a public friendship. The buddies each had a great year: Federer broke the record for most consecutive weeks ranked number one in the world, and Woods won six tournaments in a row, including the British Open and the PGA Championship.

F. It's in the Cards

After sneaking into the playoffs with only 83 wins, the St. Louis Cardinals stunned the baseball world by advancing to the World Series, and then promptly knocked off the Detroit Tigers in five games. Scrappy shortstop David Eckstein was the unlikely MVP for the unlikely champs.



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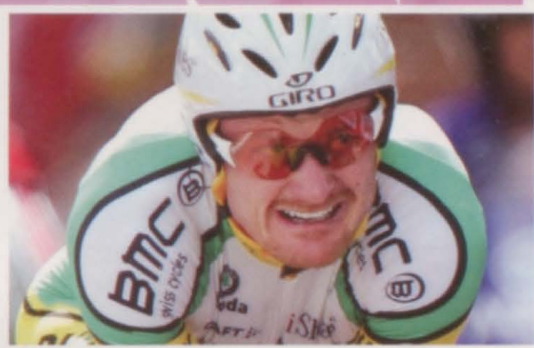
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G. Quite a year

After finishing second in 2003 and 2004, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson finally broke through and won his first Nextel Cup championship. Johnson became the first driver to win the Daytona 500, the Brickyard 400 and the Nextel Cup all in the same season.

H. Call it a comeback

Coming off a year where she was plagued by a chronic knee injury and her world ranking plummeted, Serena Williams kicked off 2007 in fine comeback style by winning the Australian Open, knocking off top-ranked Maria Sharapova in the process.

I. Testing troubles

Two high-profile American athletes dealt with the fallout from failed performance-enhancing drug tests. Cyclist Floyd Landis won the Tour de France, but was then stripped of the title. Sprinter Justin Gatlin, an Olympic Gold medalist and world record holder in the 100 meters, was banned from competition for eight years.

what you think!

Who is the most dominant athlete in American sports right now?

Peyton Manning: 23%

LeBron James: 23%

Tiger Woods: 18%

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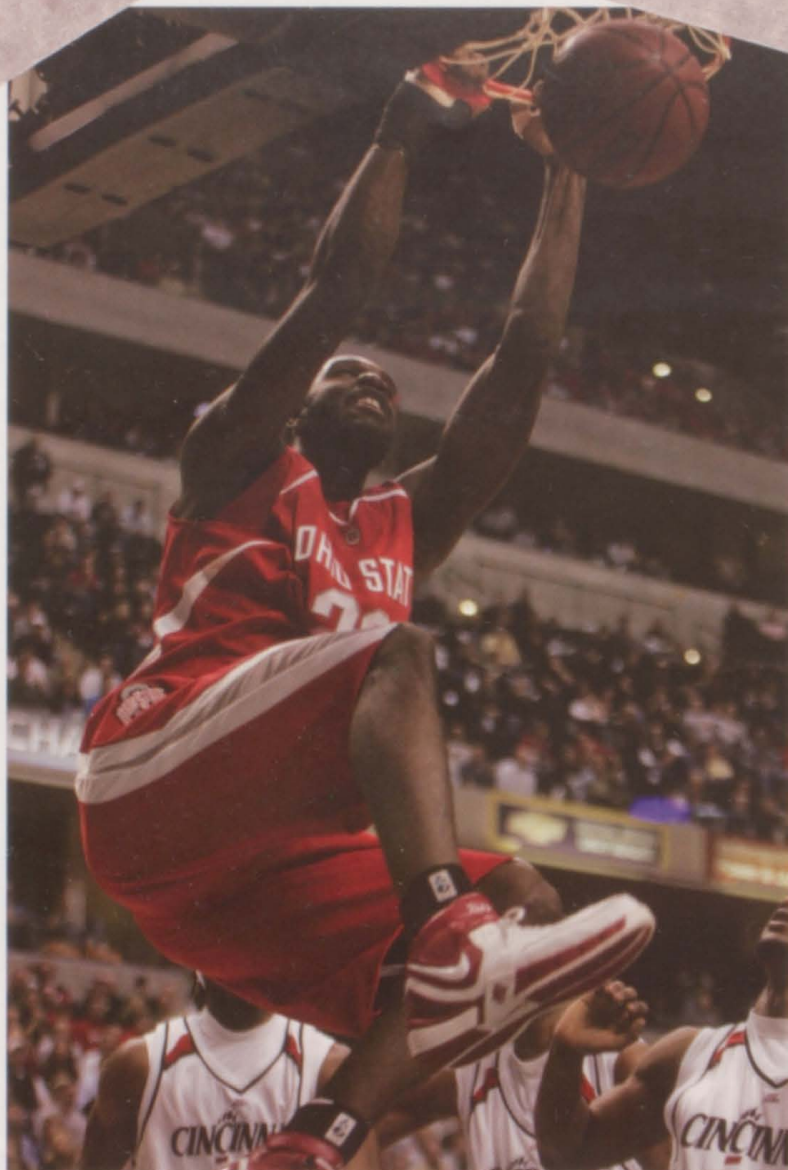
Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith won the Heisman Trophy.



In its first year since relocating from San Jose, the Houston Dynamo won the MLS championship.



Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr., were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in their first try on the ballot.



J. Back to school

New rules dictated that basketball players could not enter the NBA draft until they were at least one year removed from high school. As a result, several highly touted players, such as Ohio State's Greg Oden, planned on spending at least one year playing college basketball before turning pro.

K. A terrible accident

Just days after his team was eliminated from the playoffs, New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle was killed when the small plane he was co-piloting accidentally crashed into a New York City apartment building. The crash also killed flight instructor Tyler Strange.

L. What a flip

Motorsports athlete Travis Pastrana stole the show at the X Games by becoming the first competitor to ever land a double backflip during a motocross competition. Even though the move won him the Freestyle MX gold medal, Pastrana said he had no plans to ever try the stunt again.



M. Coming to America

British soccer star David Beckham surprised many by signing a deal to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS. Essentially a household name in England and throughout Europe, Beckham immediately provided some credibility for the American league, typically considered a notch below the European leagues.

N. A lady tiger

Mexican golfer Lorena Ochoa was named the AP Female Athlete of the Year after a season in which she won six tournaments on the LPGA tour and earned more than \$2.5 million in winnings.

O. Ouch!

Serious youth sports injuries continued to become more common, especially with the continued proliferation of extreme sports like snowboarding and skateboarding. Doctors were concerned that teens who suffered knee ligament tears were becoming more susceptible to early arthritis.



Kentucky Derby winning horse Barbaro was put to sleep after an 8-month ordeal from a broken leg.



Legendary Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach, who led the team to nine titles, died at age 89.



The Detroit Shock won their second WNBA title in four years.



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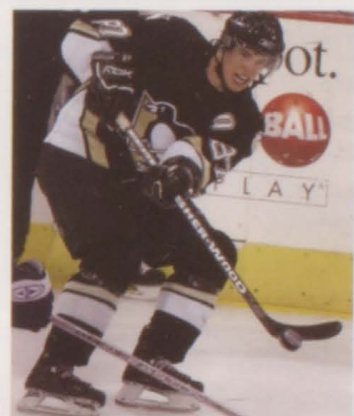
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P. Game of the year

Small school Boise State went 12-0 during the college football season, and then became the subject of debate by being included in the BCS. The team provided quite a response, knocking off Oklahoma in an overtime thriller in the Fiesta Bowl, both sending the game into OT and then winning the game on trick plays.

Q. The next great one?

Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins became the youngest player in NHL history to score 100 points in a season during his rookie year in 2006. In 2007, the 19-year old became the youngest player ever voted in as a starter for the NHL All-Star Game.

what you think!

What is your favorite sport to watch on TV?

Football: 45%

Basketball: 16%

Soccer : 8%

Baseball: 8%

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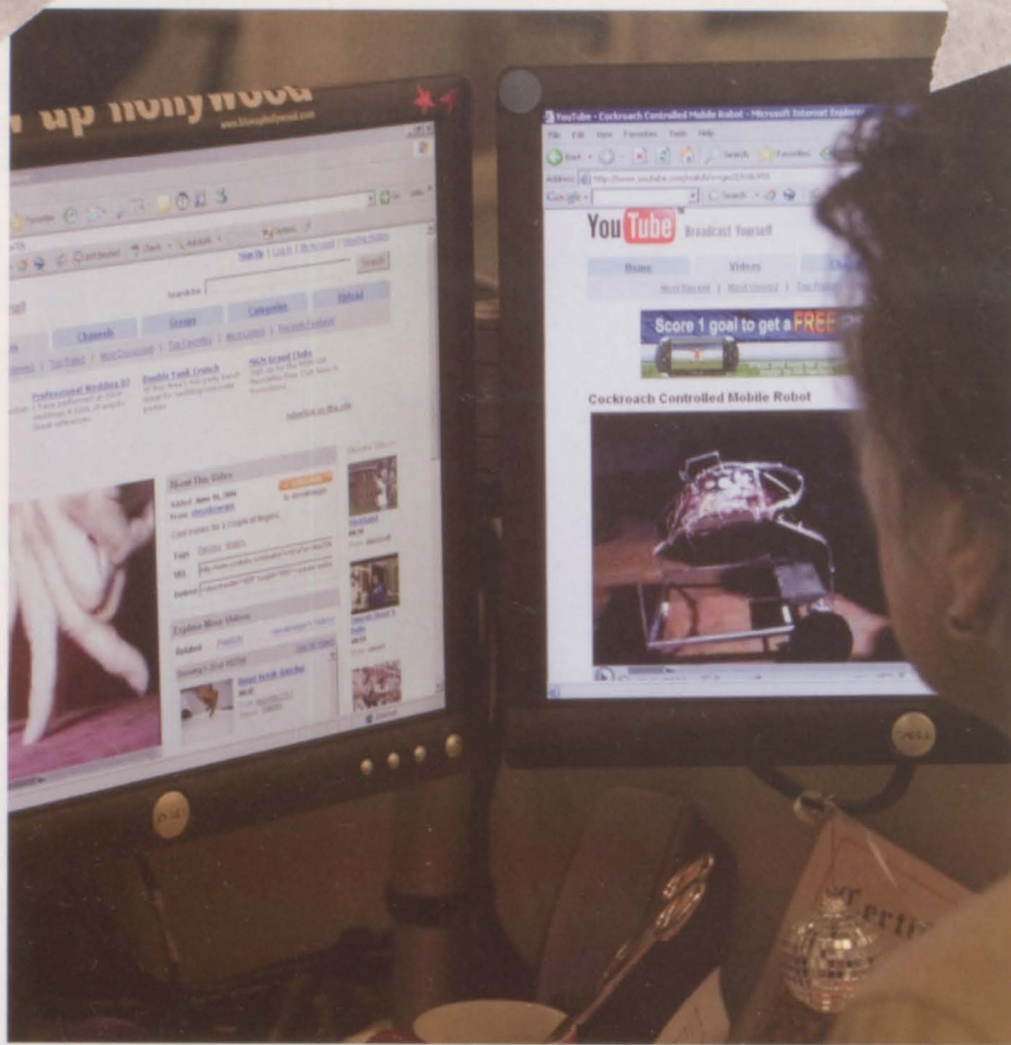
Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells retired after 20 years as a head coach in the NFL.



San Diego running back LaDainian Tomlinson broke the NFL single-season touchdown record.



The NBA changed its ball for the first time in 23 years, from leather to a new synthetic material, then changed back.



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A. YouTube goes Google

The wildly popular website YouTube, which allows users to exchange video clips, was purchased by internet portal Google for \$1.65 billion. The deal got mixed reviews. YouTube benefited from Google's global reach, but users complained when hundreds of copyrighted clips were removed from the site.

B. The latest gadget

Technology innovator Apple jumped into the wireless phone business with its latest product, iPhone. Designed to combine a digital camera, PDA, media player and wireless phone in one device with a touchpad screen, the iPhone cost between \$500-600.

C. A reason to hope

For the second straight year, cancer deaths in the U.S. dropped. The totals decreased by 3,014 deaths. Doctors attributed the success to declines in smoking, as well as earlier and more effective treatment of tumors.

D. Game of choice

Sony fired the latest salvo in the video game wars by releasing the PlayStation 3 device to compete with Microsoft's Xbox 360. With models featuring 20GB and 60GB of memory for media storage, Sony plugged the PS3 as much more than just a video game console.

E. Save the seafood

A group of ecologists published a study indicating that if current trends of overfishing and pollution continued, then the seafood industry faced a possible collapse by 2048.

F. A new treatment

The FDA approved a new drug called Gardasil, which claimed to be a vaccine to treat the virus that can cause cervical cancer. Guidelines called for the drug to be administered to girls as young as 11 or 12 before they become sexually active. Some conservative religious groups immediately voiced concern that doing so would promote promiscuity.



Divers studied wreckage in North Carolina believed to be the ship of the famous pirate Blackbeard.



Studies indicated humpback whales have a brain cell type seen only in humans, apes and dolphins.



Due to new standards, astronomers said Pluto was no longer considered a planet.



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G. Lady first

Anousheh Ansari, the co-founder of her own technology company, became the first female space tourist. Ansari accompanied U.S. astronauts and Russian cosmonauts on an eight-day mission to the International Space Station and became the first person to publish a blog from space.

H. Race to the moon and beyond

The U.S., Japan, Russia and China all continued renewed efforts to send manned missions back to the moon for the first time in more than 30 years, and started plotting manned missions to Mars. Scientists guessed that by 2020, both goals might be reached.

I. Future fuels

BMW became the first auto manufacturer to take a hydrogen-powered car into mass production by producing 100 models of the Hydrogen 7, a car powered by pumping hydrogen into a combustion engine and igniting it. Meanwhile, more ethanol fuel refineries continued to open across the country.

J. Think it, move it

Advances in medicine allowed doctors to hone and improve artificial limbs, including "bionic" arms that can be controlled by impulses from the brain. The U.S. military began projects to research the thought-controlled arms for use by wounded soldiers returning home.

what you think!

What is your favorite website?

MySpace: 33%

Google: 9%

YouTube: 7%

Facebook: 6%

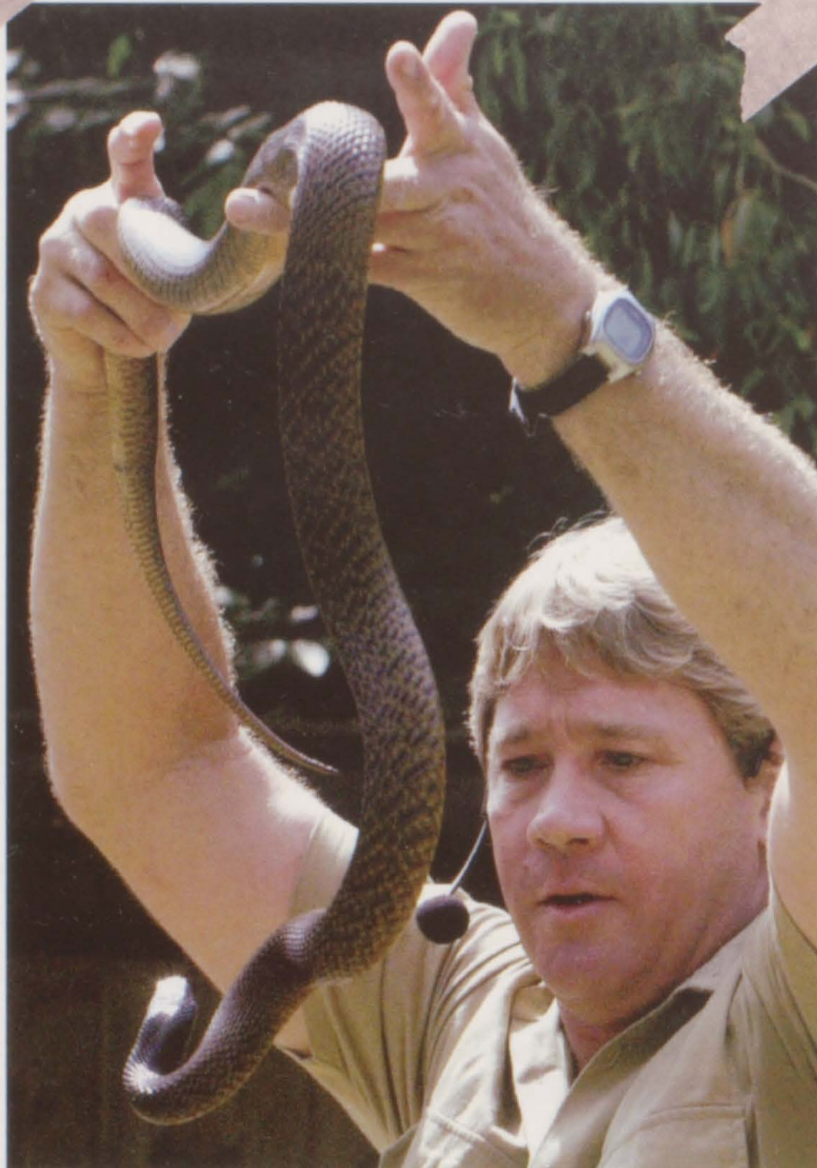
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Some research indicated that nine out of 10 emails were "spam," or unwanted email.

It wasn't quite Harry Potter, but scientists claimed to be closer to creating an invisibility cloak.

Animal hospitals began using alternative treatments like acupuncture and aromatherapy in treating pet injuries.



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A. A shocking end

Steve Irwin, the Australian nature adventurer known worldwide as the "Crocodile Hunter," was tragically killed while shooting underwater footage for one of his popular wildlife shows. Irwin died when a stingray stung him, and the barb pierced his heart.

B. Top of the list

In an annual survey of the highest-paid actresses in Hollywood, Nicole Kidman landed on top for the first time by earning an average of \$17 million per movie. Kidman also became one-half of another high-profile entertainment couple, marrying country star and fellow Aussie Keith Urban.

C. Almost a dream

Dreamgirls, a musical loosely based on the rise to fame of Motown legends The Supremes, actually led all films with eight Oscar nominations. Surprisingly, the movie did not get a nod for Best Picture. However, the music and the individual performances of stars Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson were honored.



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D. Ahoy, matey!

The Pirates of the Caribbean movie saga continued, and ruled the box office. The second movie in the series, *Dead Man's Chest*, was easily the highest grossing movie of 2006, earning more than \$420 million. The third, and final, installment was scheduled for release in the summer of 2007.

E. Grammy haul

The Dixie Chicks were big winners at the Grammy Awards, taking home five honors, including Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Record of the Year. It was an unexpected haul for the country trio, after the group drew years of criticism for its stance against the Iraq War.

F. Night switch

ABC moved medical drama *Grey's Anatomy* from Sunday night to Thursday to go head-to-head against highly rated crime show *CSI*. Both shows continued to do well. Combined, the two shows attracted more than 40 million viewers on Thursdays.



The Price Is Right host Bob Barker retired after 35 years on the show.



Movie critic Roger Ebert took an extended leave due to a battle with cancer.



Daniel Craig was a hit as the new James Bond in the remake of *Casino Royale*.



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G. Better together

Struggling TV networks WB and UPN merged to form a new channel called The CW. The fledgling new network was filled with several popular shows geared toward the teen audience, such as *The Gilmore Girls*, *Smallville*, *Veronica Mars* and *One Tree Hill*.

H. Borat in America

No movie made bigger waves than *Borat*, a comedy about the antics of a politically incorrect journalist from Kazakhstan who visits America. Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen created and played the fictitious title character, and received both praise for his creativity and scorn for his controversial material.

I. Interesting mix

The Academy Awards produced a unique set of Best Picture nominees. *The Departed*, the winner, was about police corruption; and *Letters From Iwo Jima* was a World War II movie told from the Japanese perspective. *Babel* told the story of an American couple encountering tragedy while vacationing in Morocco. The other nominees were the child beauty pageant comedy *Little Miss Sunshine* and *The Queen*, a biopic on England's Queen Elizabeth II.

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what you think!

What was your favorite movie this year?

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest : 9%

Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby : 6%

Borat : 5%

Step Up : 5%

Survey results compiled from responses of 1,600 high school and middle school students across the nation.



Van Halen and REM were elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Pop star Britney Spears split from husband Kevin Federline.



Just two years after retiring, rapper Jay-Z made a comeback with the album *Kingdom Come*.



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J. More popular than ever

Southern soul crooner Taylor Hicks won the fifth season of *American Idol*, as the show's popularity continued to climb and attract more viewers. The sixth season premiere in January drew in 37.3 million people.

K. Not so crazy

Gnarls Barkley, a duo combining rapper Cee-Lo and D.J. Danger Mouse, released their first album, *St. Elsewhere*, and it quickly became a hit. Known for a unique sound and tendency to perform in wild costumes, Gnarls Barkley's first single, "Crazy," became the most purchased song of the year.

L. All grown up

Former boy band star Justin Timberlake continued his maturation by releasing his second solo album, which sold nearly 700,000 copies in the first week. The album also broke the iTunes records for pre-orders and first week sales.

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M. Surprising success

Former vice president Al Gore stepped back into the spotlight. To the surprise of many, Gore's documentary about the environment, *An Inconvenient Truth*, actually sold tickets to the tune of almost \$40 million. Gore's book of the same name also stayed on the *New York Times* bestseller list for several weeks.

N. King of comedy

Funny man Will Ferrell cemented his growing reputation as a box office star with the hit *Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby*. Ferrell played the lead title role in the fictional biopic of a racecar driver that spoofed the world of NASCAR.

O. Instant hit

Disney's made-for-TV movie *High School Musical* sold more than one million copies in the first six days it was released on DVD. The film was popular enough that it was made into a stage show, and filming began on the sequel.



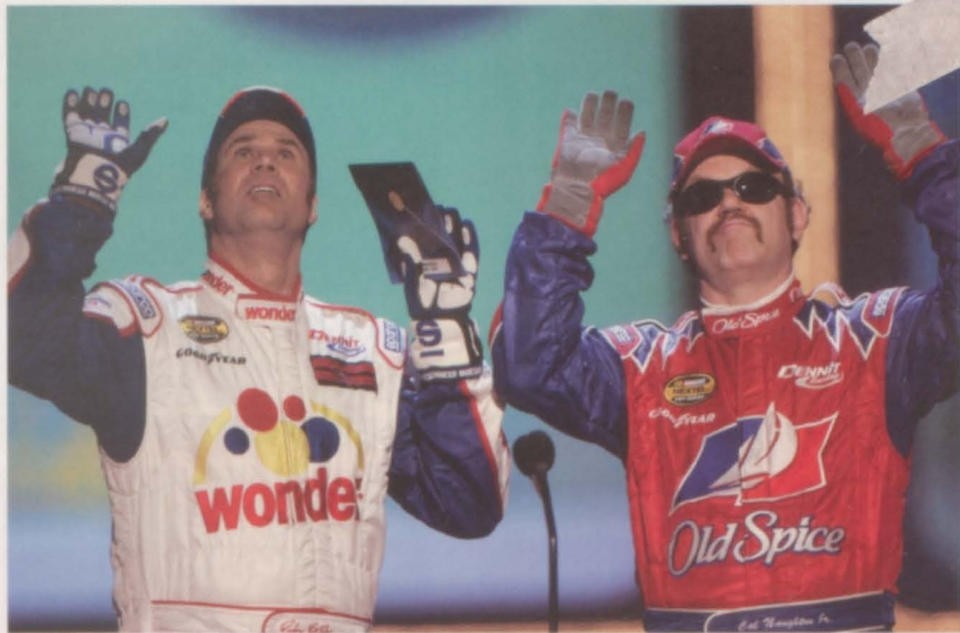
Popular new TV shows included *Heroes* and *Ugly Betty*.



Panic! At the Disco won Video of the Year at the MTV Video Music Awards for "I Write Sins Not Tragedies."



Hollywood couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes got married.



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P. A first for everything

Fox's real-time thriller *24* was the big winner at the Emmy Awards. *24* was named Outstanding Drama Series, and Kiefer Sutherland won for Lead Actor in a Drama Series. Both honors were a first for a Fox TV show. NBC's *The Office* also won Outstanding Comedy Series for the first time.

Q. Good-bye to the Godfather

Known for his distinctive voice and dance moves, the "Godfather of soul" James Brown died at the age of 73. Other entertainers to pass away included Joseph Barbera, the animator who helped create Fred Flintstone and Scooby-Doo, R&B singer Gerald Levert, Oscar-winning movie director Robert Altman and Oscar-winning actor Jack Palance.

R. Finally...the end

Daniel Handler, author of the popular Lemony Snicket children's books, finished the 13th and final novel in the series, appropriately titled *The End*. All told, the tales of the orphaned Baudelaire children sold more than 50 million copies during their run.

Photo credit: AP/Wide World Photos

what you think!

What is your favorite type of music?

Rock: 34%

Rap/Hip-hop: 29%

Country: 17%

Alternative: 12%

Survey results compiled from responses of 1,600 high school and middle school students across the nation.



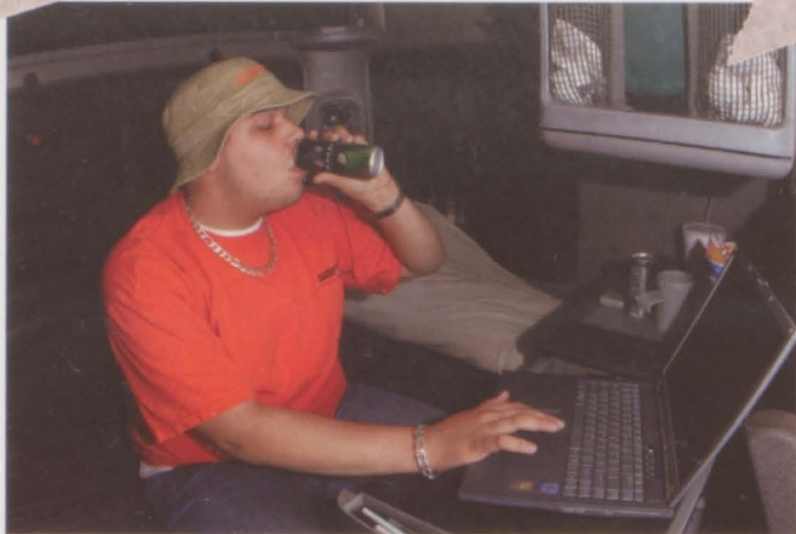
For the 13th time in their career, Brooks & Dunn was named Vocal Duo of the Year at the Country Music Awards.



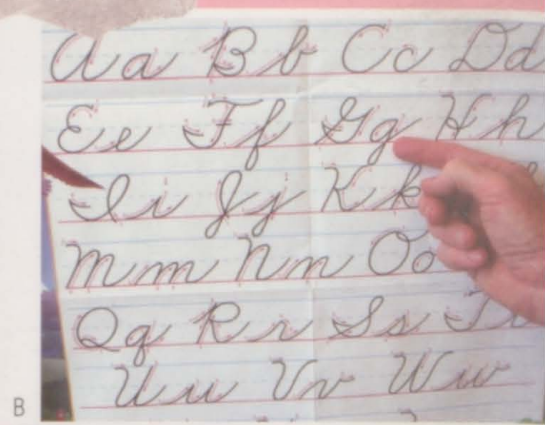
The O.C. was cancelled at the end of the show's fourth season.



Red Hot Chili Peppers was named Best Band at the American Music Awards.



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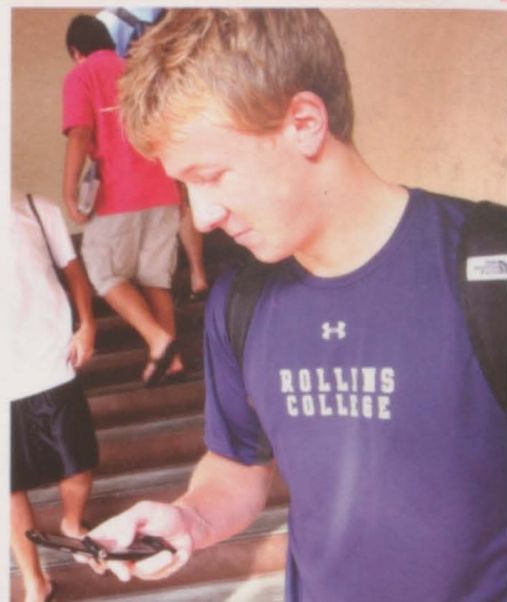
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A. Perk up

More teens became caffeine consumers. Simmons Research said 31% of U.S. teens, or 7.6 million, drank energy drinks. The energy drink industry grew 80% last year, and mainly targeted males in their teens and 20s with their caffeine and sugar concoctions.

B. Cursive writing outdated

The number of students using cursive handwriting declined. Fewer elementary schools are teaching it, and more students are printing. Eighty-five percent of students who took the 2006 SAT test for college printed their essay answers.

C. The '80s are back

Long sweaters, leggings, tall boots, wide belts, big black sunglasses and big jewelry – designers took 1980s fashions for women and gave them a twist for the new century. Untucked button shirts over tees, Polo shirts and cargo pants were still mainstays for the guys. And fashion went beyond clothes, with cell phone bling in the form of stickers, faceplates, charms and holders.

D. Feed me

Lunch lines moved faster thanks to technology that let parents keep funds in an account that the student can access. Children at some schools used an account number, while other students used fingerprints to make their purchases. Parents also saw what their children were buying.

E. Get the message

SUP? Text messaging, that's what. Texting via cell phone was cheaper than talking, and was used by students to check in with friends or remind parents to pick them up.

what you think!

What is the worst problem at your school?

Too many rules: 24%

Bad student behavior that interferes with learning: 16%

Bad food: 16%

The school is so small, everyone knows everyone's business: 12%

No problems, my school is cool: 12%

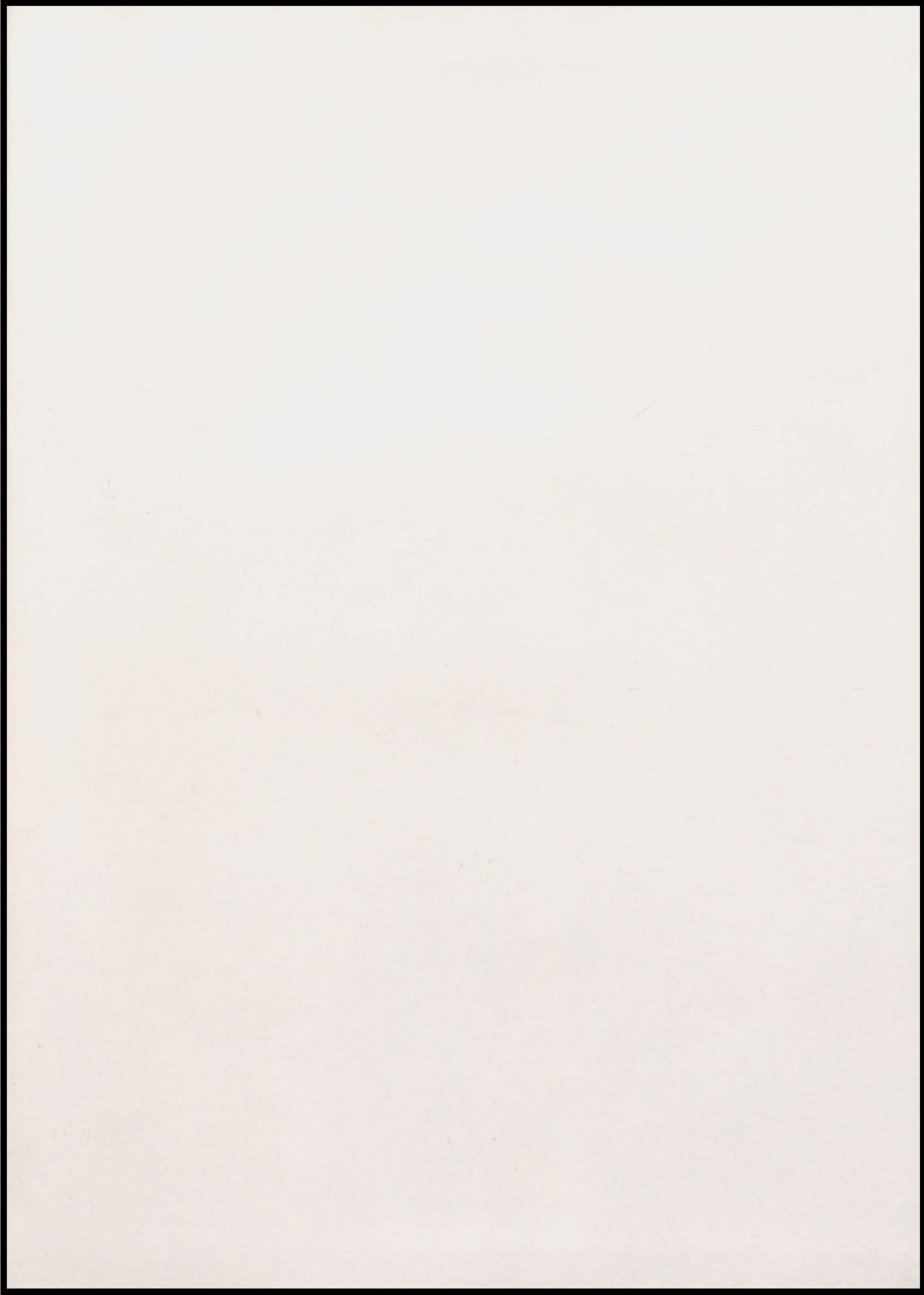
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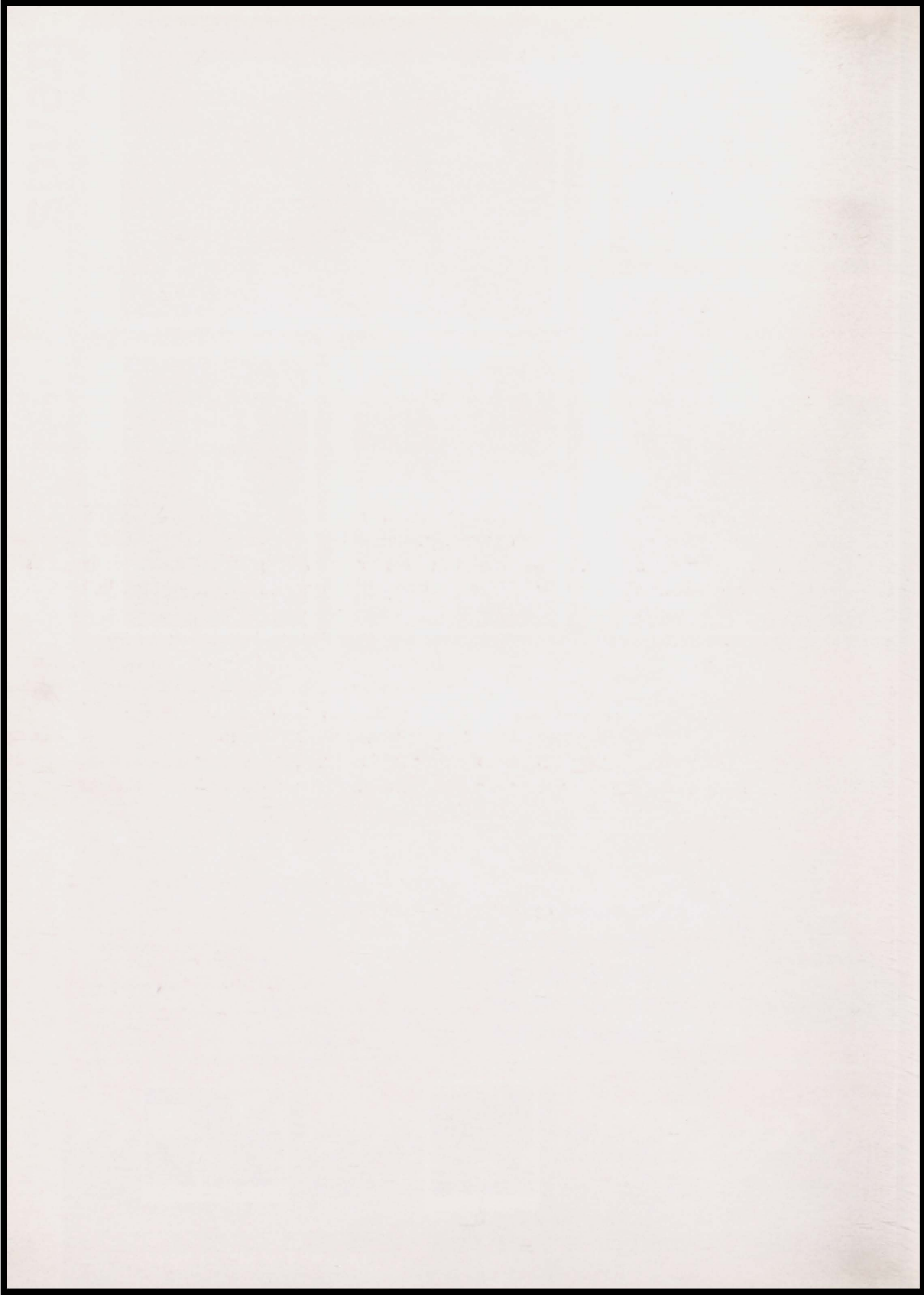


Studies showed that talking on a hands-free cell phone while driving is equivalent to driving legally drunk, *Time* magazine reported.



Teen pregnancies fell to their lowest level in 65 years, the Centers for Disease Control reported.





COLOPHON

This 2007 High Plains Community Yearbook was produced by the Desktop Publishing Class. Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Missouri printed the book. Greg Adams, from Lincoln, Nebraska, was our sales representative. It was produced on the computer using InDesignCS2 and the pages were disk submitted to the factory for printing. A variety of layout styles were used throughout the book. The type set for the body was Times. Body copy was 10/12-point, captions were 8-point and headlines were a variety of sizes and type sets. The paper stock used for the book was 80-pound enamel.

An added feature this year is the 16-page first signature in color. The Walsworth Company has made it possible to have these pages. The requirements of page admission was changed also to make it possible for the spring events to be in the first signature and in color. We also purchased a Year-In-Review for each copy to have a record of the national events that took place during the school year.

Pictures used were taken by the yearbook staff, interested students, faculty members, and parents. Digital pictures were used or photos were scanned and then placed. The underclassmen school photos were taken by Lifetouch. Senior portraits were taken by a variety of photography studios in the area.

130 books were printed, each containing 125 pages. Prices for the yearbook were \$28, without a name on the cover, \$30 with a name on the cover, and \$32 if purchased after August 1st. Name stamping was done in Royal. Yearbook staff members were: Nic Beck, Justin Blase, Megan Carson, Heather Church, Logan Glasser, Skye Hejtmanek, Kylie Shoup, Tara Tonniges, Clete Vrbka, and Advisor Linda Gilson.

We would like to thank all the students, faculty, administrators, parents and businesses for their cooperation for allowing photos to be taken of them throughout the year and for purchasing this yearbook and/or ads. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated.

